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Psychotherapeutic Services

INFORMING CLIENT ABOUT LIMITATIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Although, in general, all communications between a therapist and a client are confidential, there are certain exceptions.

These exceptions include:

1. Reports of instances of suspected child abuse or neglect.
2. Reports of suspected abuse or neglect of elderly and/or disabled persons.
3. When a client presents a clear and present danger to him/herself and refuses to voluntarily accept further appropriate treatment.
4. When a client has communicated to the therapist an explicit threat to seriously physically harm another person.
5. In child custody and adoptions cases, when a judge determines that the therapist has evidence bearing on the client's ability to provide suitable care and the child's welfare outweighs the client's privacy interest.
6. In court proceedings, alleging that a child is without proper guardianship due to death, incapacity or unfitness of the parent or guardian.
7. When a client raises his/her emotional condition as an element of his/her claim of defense.
8. In an action brought by the client in a criminal malpractice or license revocation proceeding against a therapist.
9. When initiating legal action to collect amounts due for professional services.
10. When the counseling agency or therapist is providing information to a third party payor to administer benefits.

I have read and understood the above limitations of confidentiality and have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Client signature or Guardian Signature

Date: _____

I have explained the foregoing limitations of confidentiality

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Date: _____