

# Limits of Confidentiality

Contents of all therapy sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal information and written records about a client cannot be shared with another party without the written consent of the client or the client's legal guardian. Noted exceptions are as follows:

### **Duty to Warn and Protect**

When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the mental health professional is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to legal authorities. In cases in which the client discloses or implies a plan for suicide, the health careprofessional is required to notify legal authorities and make reasonable attempts to notify the family of the client.

#### **Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

If a client states or suggests that he or she is abusing a child (or vulnerable adult) or has recently abused a child (or vulnerable adult), or a child (or vulnerable adult) is in danger of abuse, the mental health professional is required to report this information to the appropriate social service and/or legal authorities.

#### **Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances**

Mental Health care professionals are required to report admitted prenatal exposure to controlled substances that are potentially harmful.

### Minors/Guardianship

Parents or legal guardians of non-emancipated minor clients have the right to access the clients' records.

#### **Insurance Providers (when applicable)**

Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given information that they request regarding services to clients. Information that may be requested includes, but is not limited to types of services, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries.

| I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand ramifications. | d their meanings and |
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| Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)                      | Today's Date         |
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## **Cancellation Policy**

Please note the following cancellation policy: There is a 48 hour cancellation notice. If you need to reschedule or cancel your session, please do so within 48 business hours of your session. Cancellations less than 48 hours will be charged the full cost of the session.

However if it is less than 48 hours and I am able to fill your session there is no charge. I try my best to fill all open times.

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)