Client Registration

**Client Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SS #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sex: M F Marital Status:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Work\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Message OK? Yes No Message OK?Yes No Message OK?YesNo

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact & Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The cost of this service is your responsibility. Payment is expected at the time of service. I will provide a superbill for submission to your insurance company.

24 Hour Cancellation Notice: A charge will be made for appointments missed or cancelled less than 24 hours in advance without good cause. Insurance does not cover missed appointments.

Telephone Calls: Telephone calls to your therapist which exceed 15 minutes will be charged directly to you. Insurance companies do not pay for phone calls.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES will be applied when you request information to be sent or reviewed. It is your responsibility to verify these charges at the time of your request.

A FEE OF $35.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR RETURNED CHECKS.

I understand that by signing below I waive my right to confidentiality in the collection of any fees in dispute for services rendered.

I have read and understand the above.

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Signature – Patient or Parent/Guardian Date

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL OUT THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK.

Copy to Client: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Confidential History

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Education Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Satisfied with your occupation? Yes No Comment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Religion:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M F Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken at home? English Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (Circle all that apply): Years Married: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Married Living together Never married Divorced Separated

Are there current marital problems? Yes No Comments:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Satisfied with job? Yes No

Children

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Age:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Age:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Age:

With whom were you raised? (Check all that apply)

Biological parents Parent and step-parent Foster parents

Adoptive parents Relatives Institution Legal guardian Single Parent Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status of Parents (Check all that apply)

Married Years Married: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Living together Never married Divorced Separated

Custodial parent remarried Non-custodial parent remarried

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any major medical conditions in your family: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your medical conditions or health issues: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **PTSD Checklist – Civilian Version (PCL-C)** *(Please indicate if you have experienced the following in the past month))*  |
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| Repeated disturbing *memories, thoughts or image*s of a stressful experience?  |
| Repeated disturbing *dreams* of a stressful experience?  |
| Suddenly *acting or feeling* as if a stressful experience *were happening again* (as if you were reliving it)?  |
| Feeling *very upset* when *something reminded you* of a stressful experience?  |
| Having *physical reactions* (e.g., heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating) when *something reminded you* of a stressful experience?  |
| Avoiding *thinking about or talking about* a stressful experience or avoiding *having feelings* related to it?  |
| Avoiding *activities or situations* because *they reminded you* of a stressful experience?  |
| Trouble *remembering important parts* of a stressful experience?  |
| *Loss of interest* in activities that you used to enjoy?  |
| Feeling *distant or cut off* from other people?  |
| Feeling *emotionally numb* or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you?  |
| Feeling as if your *future* somehow will be *cut short*?  |
| Trouble *falling or staying asleep*?  |
| Feeling *irritable* or having *angry outbursts*?  |
| Having *difficulty concentrating*  |
| Being *"superalert"* or watchful or on guard?  |
| Feeling *jumpy* or easily startled? Please indicate if you have experienced the following in the past two weeks

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| Little interest or pleasure in doing things  |
| Feeling down, depressed or hopeless  |
| Trouble falling asleep or sleeping too much  |
| Feeling tired or having little energy  |
| Poor appetite or overeating  |
| Feeling bad about yourself – or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down  |
| Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television  |
| Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed; or the opposite – being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual  |
| Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way  |

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Current Physician: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of most recent visit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Reason:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Medications you take: I do not take prescription medication at this time or

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_For\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_For\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe other serious illnesses or injuries:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Is there any family history of treatment for psychological/psychiatric conditions? Yes No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had previous counseling or psychotherapy? Yes No

With whom and when: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever felt suicidal? Yes No Do you feel that way now? Yes No

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Are you involved in any legal proceedings? Yes No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No Comments:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink alcohol? Yes No What Type: Frequency:

Do you use tobacco? Yes No What Type: Frequency:

Do you use other drugs? Yes No What Type: Frequency:

What are your main concerns/reasons for seeking treatment? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Did a specific event lead to this session? Yes No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a victim of physical or sexual abuse/assault? Yes No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything significant the form did not ask that you would like to add? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TREATMENT PLAN (Please fill out up to the dark line.)

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treatment Goal(s) (Check all those that apply):

\_\_Debrief & resolve trauma

\_\_Stabilize/improve mood & functioning

\_\_Learn to manage/reduce symptoms

 \_\_Relationship skill building

 \_\_Educate/increase personal empowerment

 \_\_Achieve/maintain sobriety

\_\_Anger management

 \_\_Stress management

 \_\_Learn to identify/express feelings & needs directly

 \_\_Assess/address interpersonal relationship issues

 \_\_Learn to identify/set boundaries assertively

\_\_Other:

Signatures

 X\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date Client/parent/guardian (print)

X\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Robinson,MSW, LCSW, EMDR

Signature Date Clinician

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Diagnosis\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treatment Plan Review

Treatment plan reviewed annually—signed and dated if no changes to plan (if changes, new treatment plan written)

Client:

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Sign and date Sign Sign and date Sign and date

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Aftercare needed after discharge, if discharge date has been determined:

\_\_Community resources \_\_PCP/Psychiatrist/NP \_\_12 Step program \_\_Other

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES

& OFFICE POLICIES

This form provides you (client) with information that is additional to that detailed in the Notice of Privacy Practices. Please initial each paragraph in the space provided indicating that you have read and understood the content of that paragraph.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**: All information disclosed within sessions and the written records pertaining to those sessions are confidential and may not be revealed to anyone without your (patient’s) written permission, except where disclosure is required by law. Most of the provisions explaining when the law requires disclosure were described to you in the Notice of Privacy Practices that you received with this form. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**When disclosure is required by law**: Some of the circumstances where disclosure is required by law are: when there is a reasonable suspicion of child, dependent or elder, abuse or neglect; and where a patient presents a danger to self, to others: or is gravely disabled (see also Notice of Privacy Practices form) Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**When disclosure may be required**: Disclosure may be required pursuant to a legal proceeding. If you place your mental status at issue in litigation initiated by you, the defendant may have the right to obtain the psychotherapy records and/or testimony by your therapist. In couple and family therapy, or when different family members are seen individually, confidentiality and privilege do not apply between the couple or among family members. Your therapist will not release records to any outside party unless they are authorized to do so by all adult family members who were part of the treatment. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Health insurance & Confidentiality of records**: Disclosure of confidential information may be required by your health insurance carrier, HMO/PPO/MCO/EAP, or other third party payer in order to process the claims. Only the minimum necessary information will be communicated to the carrier. Unless authorized by you explicitly the Psychotherapy Notes will not be disclosed to your insurance carrier. Your therapist has no control or knowledge over what insurance companies do with the information they submit or who has access to this information. You must be aware that submitting a mental health invoice for reimbursement carries a certain amount of risk to confidentiality, privacy, or to future eligibility to obtain health or life insurance. The risk stems from the fact that mental health information, including a diagnosis, is entered into insurance companies’ computers and will also be reported to the Congress-approved National Medical Data Bank. Accessibility to companies’ computers or to the National Medical Data Bank database is always in question, as computers are inherently vulnerable to break-ins and unauthorized access. Medical data has been reported to have been sold, stolen, or accessed by enforcement agencies; therefore, you are in a vulnerable position. Initial: \_\_\_\_

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**Confidentiality of E-mail, cell phone, and faxes communication**: It is very important to be aware that e-mail and cell phone communication can be relatively easily accessed by unauthorized people and hence, the privacy and confidentiality of such communication can be compromised. E-mails, in particular, are vulnerable to such unauthorized access due to the fact that servers have unlimited and direct access to all e- mails that go through them. Faxes can easily be sent erroneously to the wrong address. Please notify your therapist at the beginning of treatment if you decide to avoid or limit in any way the use of any or all of the above- mentioned communication devices. Please do not use e-mail or faxes for emergencies. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation**: Your therapist may consult with other professionals regarding their patients; however, the patient’s name or other identifying information is never mentioned. The patient’s identity remains completely anonymous, and confidentiality is fully maintained. This is done to provide you with the best care possible. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**THE PROCESS OF THERAPY**: Participation in therapy can result in a number of benefits to you, including improving interpersonal relationships and resolution of the specific concerns that led you to seek therapy. Psychotherapy requires your very active involvement, honesty, and openness in order to change. Your therapist will ask for your feedback and views on your therapy, its progress, and other aspects of the therapy and will expect you to respond openly and honestly. During therapy, remembering or talking about painful memories, unpleasant events, feelings, or thoughts can result in your experiencing considerable discomfort or strong feelings. This may include anger, sadness, worry, fear, shame, anxiety, depression, insomnia, etc. Your therapist may challenge some of your assumptions and/or perceptions and propose different ways of looking at, thinking about, or handling situations that can cause you to feel very upset, angry, depressed, challenged, or disappointed. Attempting to resolve issues that brought you to therapy, such as personal or interpersonal relationships, may result in changes that were not originally intended. Psychotherapy may result in decisions about changing perceptions, beliefs, behaviors, employment, substance use, schooling, housing, or relationships. Sometimes a decision that is positive for one family member is viewed quite negatively by another family member. Change will sometimes be easy and swift, but more often it will be slow and even frustrating. There is no guarantee that psychotherapy will yield positive or intended results. During the course of therapy, your therapist is likely to draw on various psychological approaches according, in part, to the problem that is being treated and their assessment of what will best benefit you. Sometimes more than one approach can be helpful in dealing with a certain situation. These approaches may include, but are not limited to: cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic, EMDR, behavioral, existential, systems/family of origin, developmental (adult/child/family), biblio-therapy, or psycho-educational. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Discussion of treatment plan**: Within a reasonable period of time after the initiation of treatment, your therapist will discuss with you their working understanding of the problem, treatment plan, therapeutic objectives, and view of the possible outcomes of treatment. If you have any unanswered questions about the course of your therapy, the possible risks, your therapist’s ability, or about the treatment plan, please ask and you will be answered fully. You also have the right to ask about other treatments for your condition and their risks and benefits. If you could benefit from any treatment that your therapist does not provide, they have an ethical obligation to assist you in obtaining those treatments. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Termination**: You have the right to terminate therapy at any time. Ideally, this happens when the goals of therapy have been met. If at any point during psychotherapy, your therapist believes they are not effective in helping you reach the therapeutic goals, they are obliged to discuss it with you and, if appropriate, to terminate treatment. In such a case, they would give you a number of referrals that may be of help to you. If you request it and authorize it in writing, your therapist will talk to the new psychotherapist of your choice in order to help with the transition. If at any time you want another professional’s opinion or wish to consult with another therapist, your therapist will assist you in finding someone qualified, and with your written consent will provide him or her with the essential information needed. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Dual relationships**: A dual relationship exists when you have some type of relationship with your therapist outside the clinical setting. This may include civic and philanthropic groups, religious communities, sports leagues, etc. Inappropriate dual relationships are not unethical. Therapy never involves sexual or any other dual relationship that can be exploitative in nature, or impairs your therapist’s objectivity, clinical judgment, and/or therapeutic effectiveness. Appropriate non-sexual dual relationships can be clinically beneficial and may, in fact, be the reason you chose your therapist. Your therapist will discuss with you the potential benefits and difficulties that may be involved in dual relationships and will discontinue the dual relationship if it interferes with the effectiveness of the therapeutic process. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**: If you need to contact your therapist between sessions, please leave a message on your therapist’s voice mail at 980-500-9180. In case of medical emergency, or when there is immediate danger or potential for harm, call 911. Or, if you have an emotional emergency, call the Mobile Crisis Services at 1-800-715-4225. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_

**COURT PROCEEDINGS:** I discourage therapist involvement in legal proceedings. Therapeutic relationships are based on trust and involving me as a witness may jeopardize this relationship and progress in therapy. Even though you are responsible for all testimony and legal fees, it does not mean that my testimony will be solely in your favor. I can only testify to the facts of the case. I am not an evaluator and cannot make any recommendations (custody or otherwise). If you become involved in legal proceedings that require my participation, you will be expected to

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pay for any professional time I spend on your legal matter, even if the request comes from another party. I charge $300 per hour for professional services I am asked or required to perform in relation to your legal matter including preparation time of reports, submission of reports/records, phone calls, court appearance, testimony, and travel. I also charge a copying fee of $1 per page for records requests. Initial:\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENTS & INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT**: Patients are expected to pay the standard fee of $150.00 per 50-60 minute session and $210.00 per 80-90 minute session at the end of each session unless other arrangements have been made. Telephone conversations, site visits, report writing and reading, individual consultation with other professionals, release of information, reading records, longer sessions, travel time, etc. will be charged at the same rate, unless indicated and agreed otherwise. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLATION**: Since scheduling of an appointment involves the reservation of time specifically for you, a minimum of 24 hours (1 day) notice is required for re-scheduling or canceling an appointment. The full fee will be charged for sessions missed without such notification. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above Informed Consent for Psychotherapy Services & Office Policies carefully; I understand them and agree to comply with them.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_

 Signature Name (print) Date

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 Signature Name (print) Date

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Signature Name (print) Date

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Therapist signature Date