

## **Limits of Confidentiality**

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Contents of all therapy sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal informations 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 exception 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 professional 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 type of services, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, and description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes and summaries.

I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand their meanings and ramifications.

Client	: Signature:(	Client's Pa	rent/Gaurdia	in if under 18)
Todays Date:				Client SS#:
	Month	Day	Year	



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# **Cancellation Policy**

If you fail to cancel a scheduled appointment, we cannot use this time for another client and you will be billed for the entire cost of your missed appointment.
A full session fee is charged for missed appointments or no show cancellations with less than 24 hour notice unless due to illness or an emergency. A bill will be mailed directly to clients who do not show up for or cancel an appointment.
Thank you for your consideration regarding this important matter.
Client Signature:(Client's Parent/Gaurdian if under 18)
Todays Date: Client SS#:
Month Day Year