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| In re the Matter of:  ,  Petitioner,  and  ,  Respondent. | Case No. <INSERT>  stipulated ORDER RE: minor child’s counseling records  (Assigned to Honorable <INSERT>) |

The Parents have reached a binding agreement as set forth below.

The parties desire to be bound by the agreements set forth herein pursuant to Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure Rule 69 and agree that, upon execution below, this Stipulated Order and its terms are valid and binding on the parties.

1. Each party has had the opportunity to seek his or her own respective legal counsel both in the negotiation of this Stipulated Order and in the review of this Stipulated Order.
2. The parties have entered this Stipulated Order freely, voluntarily, and knowingly, without coercion or duress.
3. The Court has jurisdiction under A.R.S. § 25-401 to decide legal decision-making and parenting time matters because Arizona is the “home state” of the minor children, as defined in A.R.S. § 25-1002.

5. The parties agree this Stipulated Order is in the children's best interest.

6. The parties acknowledge they have the right to have a hearing before a judge to resolve the pending issues before this Court; each party waives any/all rights to a hearing regarding the issues hereby resolved in this Stipulated Order.

**THE COURT FINDS** the parties have the following child(ren) in common <INSERT>.

**THE COURT FURTHER FINDS** the agreements reached by the parties are in the child's best interest.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. The parties shall ensure that the minor child attends and participates in counseling with a mutually agreed upon provider on the family’s insurance.
2. Information disclosed to the counselor shall not be disclosed to either party except in the case of an emergency.
3. The counselor will not be used by either party to gain the upper hand in this matter but shall exist only to counsel the minor child.
4. Neither parent shall have access to the records of the provider treating the child. If either parent has concerns about the treatment and whether the treatment is within community standards, records could be provided to this Court to ensure the treatment is appropriate. The only reason a parent should request this Court to access the records is for concerns about the process of treatment, not the content of the therapy sessions with the child.
5. The counselor shall set the frequency of the sessions; the parties shall ensure that the minor child attends counseling pursuant to the therapist’s schedule of sessions for the child.
6. The parties shall equally (50/50) pay any out-of-pocket expenses related to counseling.
7. The parents shall not subpoena the provider or otherwise secure the records so that the child may have a suitable and safe setting to explore therapeutic material to enhance growth and ameliorate symptoms without parental interference.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** signing this as a formal Order of this Court pursuant to Rule 78 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure.

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Date Judicial Officer of the Superior Court