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Patient Confidentiality of Records

The confidentiality of patient records maintained by this therapist is protected by Federal law and regulations. Generally, the therapist may not say to another person that a client attends therapy and cannot disclose any information identifying the patient unless:

- 1) The patient consents in writing;
- 2) The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or
- 3) The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a patient either at the program or against any person who works for the program or about any threat to commit such a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under State law to appropriate State or local authorities. Staff is required by law to report child or elder abuse to the Department of Family and Children Services without consent or authorization from the client.

See 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 for Federal laws and 42 C.F.R. Part 2 for Federal regulations. Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control No. 0930-0099

Signature of Client _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian is necessary: _____