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Consent for Services

Welcome to my office
As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker I am governed by various laws and regulations and by the code of ethics of my profession. The ethics code requires that I make you aware of specific office policies and how these procedures may affect you. However, many of these policies will be unrelated to our work together.

Patient's Rights
Our relationship is strictly voluntary and you may leave the psychotherapy relationship at any time you wish.

Limits of Confidentiality
Sessions between a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and client are strictly confidential, except under certain legally defined situations:

- A danger to self, e.g. threats of self-harm or suicide.
- A danger to another person, e.g. threats of violence against another person.
- Actual or suspected child abuse or elder/dependent abuse.

If any of these situations arise, I am required to take specific actions, such as notifying the proper authorities, in order to take the necessary steps to protect the reported parties.

Release of Information
As stated, our sessions are strictly confidential. In particular situations you may choose to voluntarily waive confidentiality by signing a Release of Confidentiality form, stipulating to which party or parties information may be released. Examples include coordination of treatment with a doctor or to provide information to your insurance company. In other situations I may ask you to release information, such as records from previous treatment, to assist in our work.

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Consultation
In order to provide you with the best possible treatment, Licensed Clinical Social Workers often engage in receiving consultation from colleagues. Please know that your confidentiality is held in high regard during the course of consultations and no identifying information, e.g. your name, is used.

Phone Accessibility & Emergency Procedures
I will return calls as soon as possible should you need to speak with me between sessions. You may leave a voice message when you call my office number. However, I cannot guarantee an immediate return call. If you have an emergency, call 911 for help. Only in the event of a lengthy telephone session will you be charged at our determined fee.

Cancellation
If you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment, please notify me as soon as possible, at least 24 hours n advance. This is necessary because a professional time commitment is set aside and held exclusively for you. You are subject to being charged for last minute cancellations and/or no shows.

Policy on Social Media
I cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any electronic communications. All electronic communications carry a slight risk of being compromised; therefore I use electronic communications solely for the administrative issues such as the making of appointments.

I have read, understood and agree to the conditions stated above.

Printed Name	Signature	Date

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