

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

Each time you visit a healthcare provider, a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, a plan for future care or treatment, and billing-related information. This notice applies to all records of your care generated by a provider of Psychological Health-Roanoke.

Our Responsibilities

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and provide you a description of our privacy practices. We will abide by the terms of this notice.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

The following categories describe examples of the way we use and disclose health information:

For Treatment:

We may use health information about you to provide treatment or services and continuity of care with other healthcare providers.

For Payment:

We may use and disclose health information about your treatment and services to bill and collect payment from you, or a third party payer. We may also tell your health plan about treatment you are going to receive to determine whether your plan will pay.

For Health Care Operations:

- To remind you that you have an appointment for medical care
- To tell you about health-related benefits or services

When disclosing information, primarily appointment reminders and billing/collections efforts, we may leave messages on your answering machine/voice mail.

Future Communications:

We may communicate to you via newsletters, mail outs or other means regarding treatment options and health related information.

Law Enforcement/Legal Proceedings:

We may disclose health information for law enforcement purposes as required by law or in response to a valid subpoena.

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION RIGHTS

Although your health record is the physical property of Psychological Health- Roanoke you have the **RIGHT TO:**

Inspect and Copy:

You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of the health information used to make decisions about your care. We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain circumstances. If you are denied access you may request that the denial be reviewed. Another licensed health care professional chosen by Psychological Health-Roanoke will review your request and the denial. The person conducting the review will not be the person who denied your request. We will comply with the outcome of the review.

Please turn over

Amend:

If you feel that your health information is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for Psychological Health-Roanoke. We may deny your request for an amendment and if this occurs, you will be notified of the reason for the denial.

An Accounting of Disclosures:

You have the right to request an accounting of disclosures. This pertains to disclosures we make of your health information for purposes other than treatment where an authorization was not required.

Request Restrictions:

You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the health information we use or disclose about you. You also have the right to request a limit on the health information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care. **We are not required to agree to your request.** If we do agree, we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide emergency treatment.

Request Confidential Communications:

You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you may ask that we contact you at work instead of your home. Psychological Health-Roanoke will grant reasonable requests for confidential communications at alternative locations and/or via alternative means only if the request is submitted in writing and the written request includes a mailing address where the individual will receive bills for services and related correspondence. We reserve the right to contact you by other means and at other locations if you fail to respond to any communication from us that requires a response. We will notify you in accordance with your original request prior to attempting to contact you by other means or at another location.

A Paper Copy of This Notice:

You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time.

To exercise any of your rights, please obtain the required forms from the Privacy Official and submit your request in writing.

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

We reserve the right to change this notice at any time.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with Psychological Health-Roanoke. You may also file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services. All complaints must be submitted in writing. **You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.**

OTHER USES OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Other uses and disclosures of health information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to disclose health information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer disclose health information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that provided to

Psychological Health-Roanoke-MINOR REGISTRATION

Date: _____ Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Patient: _____
First Middle Last

Address _____
Street and PO Box

City State Zip Code

Age _____ Gender _____ Birth Date _____ Social Security # _____

Responsible Party _____ DOB: _____
Social Security # _____ Relation to patient: _____
Employer/Address _____
Occupation: _____ Employer Phone _____

If custody is shared both responsible parties need to be listed:

Responsible Party _____ DOB: _____
Home Address (if different from above): _____
Home #: _____ Cell#: _____ (if different than above)
Social Security # _____ Relation to patient: _____
Employer/Address _____
Occupation: _____ Employer Phone _____

Do you have Medical Insurance? **If yes, Please provide a copy to the receptionist at time of check-in.**

Subscriber Info for Insurance provided: Name _____ Relation: _____
DOB _____ SSN _____ Employer _____

If No, then payment is due in full date of service.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

In case of emergency, who should be notified? _____

Phone: _____ *Relation to patient:* _____

I authorize treatment deemed necessary by the health care providers of Psychological Health- Roanoke.

I authorize Psychological Health-Roanoke to release to my health plan any and all information which it deems necessary regarding my care and treatment to insure prompt payment of all charges for services provided. I hereby assign the payment of all insurance benefits to Psychological Health- Roanoke for any and all charges incurred in connection with services provided to me. I also consent to a copy of this authorization and assignment being used in place of the original.

I understand fully that I remain responsible to pay Psychological Health-Roanoke for all charges not paid by either my insurance companies and/or employer, subject to the rules of any federal or state health insurance program such as Medicare or Medicaid, or to other contractual provisions that may limit a patient's responsibility to pay for medical costs and services. **Payment shall be due within thirty days of receipt of a statement.**

A quote of benefits and/or authorization does not guarantee payment or verify eligibility. Payment of benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member's contract at time of service.

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In consideration of the services rendered and to be rendered pursuant to my request for medical services from Psychological Health- Roanoke, I hereby waive any right to a jury trial should Psychological Health-Roanoke have to file suit to collect my account.

METHODS OF PAYMENT:

Our office accepts the following payment methods:

Cash, Personal Check and Credit Cards.

For returned checks we assess a \$50.00 NSF charge, and report to the local Commonwealth attorney's office checks that are not paid within 2 weeks of being returned to our office.

If fees are not paid, the patient understands that our office reports to an outside collection agency. In the event that your account is turned over for collections, patient agrees to pay all additional fees accessed in the collection of the debt. These fees include collection agency fees and attorney fees.

The parties agree that all claims, disputes and other matters of action shall be brought within and decided in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

You agree, in order for us to service our account or to collect any amounts you may owe, that we may contact you by telephone at any telephone number associated with you account, including wireless telephone numbers, which could result in charges to you. We may also contact you by sending text messages or emails, using any email address you provide to use. Methods of contact may include using pre-recorded/artificial voice messages and/or use of an automatic dialing device, as applicable. I/We have read this disclosure and agree that the Lender/Creditor may contact me/us as described above.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS INFORMATION.

Responsible Party for Minor

Date

Psychological Health- Roanoke
Informed Consent for Treatment

Confidentiality

Clinicians and staff in Psychological Health-Roanoke value the patient-therapist and patient-physician relationships and strive to keep all information confidential. We only release information to others with your written permission.

Here are some important exceptions to this confidentiality of which we want you to be aware. These include:

- Suspected child abuse or neglect
- Suspected abuse or neglect of an elderly or incapacitated adult
- Patient is thought to be an immediate threat to self or others
- Court-ordered releases with regard to legal actions
- Misconduct by a health care provider
- Workers Compensation
- If you are licensed or certified by a health regulatory board or hold a multistate license, and your condition places you or the public at risk
- For third party payers and their agents for purposes of reimbursement
- For crime investigation if it occurs on our premises

Other Matters Related to Confidentiality

- It may occasionally be helpful or necessary to consult about a patient with another professional. In these consultations, the physician/therapist makes every effort to avoid revealing the identity of the patient. The consultant is, of course, also legally bound to maintain confidentiality.
- If insurance reimbursement is requested, we are required to provide the insurer relevant information such as diagnosis and/or treatment plan.
- If the patient is under eighteen years of age, please be aware that while the specific content of therapy is confidential, parents have a right to receive general information on the progress of the treatment and have legal access to the record.

I understand that my therapist will discuss my diagnosis as well as the method of treatment. The nature of the treatment has been described to me as well as possible side effects and alternative forms of treatment. I understand I may withdraw from treatment at any time, but if I decide to do this, I will discuss my plan with this physician/therapist before acting on it.

The physician/therapist has further discussed with me scheduling policies, fees to be charged, and matters relating to insurance, and if applicable, preauthorization and utilization review issues.

If you need to change an appointment, please give us a minimum 24 hours notice. We reserve the right to assess service charge to patients who break or fail to attend their appointment commitments with us and who fail to give us at least 24 hours notice of their intention to do so. Follow-up appointments will only be made when any outstanding co-payment balance is paid.

I have read the above; fully understand the diagnosis, the nature of treatment, the alternatives to this treatment, the fees, and the limits of confidentiality and give consent for treatment.

I acknowledge that I have been given the Psychological Health-Roanoke Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand that if I have questions or complaints that I should contact the Privacy Official. Patient Initial: _____

Patient: _____ Date: _____

Provider: _____ Date: _____

PATIENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Statement of Patient Rights

- *Patients have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- *Patients have the right to fair treatment regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, age, disability or source of payment.
- *Patients have the right to have their treatment and other information kept private.
- *Only in life-threatening situations or if required by law, can records be released without a signed consent from patients.
- *Patients have the right to information from staff/providers in language they can understand.
- *Patients have the right to an easy to understand explanation of their condition and treatment.
- *Patients have the right to know all about their treatment choices regardless of cost coverage.
- *Patients have the right to get information about services offered by their providers and patient role in the treatment process.
- *Patients have the right to request professional information about their provider.
- *Patients have the right to know the clinical guidelines used in providing and/or managing their care.
- *Patients have the right to provide suggestions on office policies and procedures.
- *Patients have the right to complain and to know about their complaint, grievance and appeals process.
- *Patients have the right to know State and Federal laws governing their rights and responsibilities.
- *Patients have the right to participate in the formation of their plan of care.

Statement of Patient Responsibilities

- *Patients are responsible for providing their medical provider with information needed to deliver quality care.
- *Patients are responsible for informing their provider when/if their treatment plan is no longer effective.
- *Patients are responsible to follow their treatment plans and to inform their provider of any changes to the treatment plan made by other providers including any changes in their medications.
- *Patients are responsible for reviewing their care and treatment plans continuously and reporting effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the care plan to their provider.
- *Patients are responsible for treating those giving them care with dignity and respect.
- *Patients should not be involved in any conscious behavior that could endanger the safety of their provider, office staff or other patients.
- *Patients are responsible for keeping their appointments, arriving on time and notifying the office of any cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the appointment.
- *Patients are responsible for addressing questions about their care to their provider and ensure understanding of their care and their role in the treatment process.
- *Patients are responsible for notifying their provider of any concerns regarding payment or insurance coverage.

I understand my rights and responsibilities as stated above.

Patient Signature

Date

Psychological Health Roanoke Financial Policies

Name _____

Failed Appointment and Late Cancellation Policy

**WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE 24 HOURS NOTICE IF YOU
INTEND TO CANCEL AN APPOINTMENT.**

Appointments cancelled with less than 24 hours notice and appointments not kept will result in a mandatory \$25 scheduling charge unless there is illness or an emergency. Your therapist may also bill you for your missed or cancelled appointment. Your insurance will not pay for missed or cancelled appointments. Please discuss this policy with your therapist.

Co-Payment Policy

Insurance companies **require** us to collect applicable co-payments at **every** visit. If a co-payment is missed, it is to be paid at your next visit. **Failure to pay two consecutive co-payments will result in your not being able to schedule future appointments until paid.**

Collection Policy

Please note that all accounts 90 days in arrears are subject to be submitted to a collection agency. The amount will include the balance owed plus all collection agency fees.

I understand the Policies described above.

Signature

Date

PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH ROANOKE, PC

2840 Electric Road, Suite 200

Roanoke, VA 24018

Tel: 540-772-5140 Fax: 540-772-5157

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

Client's Name

Date of Birth

I/We have requested that Psychological Health Roanoke provide evaluation and treatment for my child, named above.

I/We have read the Office Policy Statement and the handout on Confidentiality and agree to adhere to the policies explained in these handouts.

I agree that to protect the confidential nature of my child's psychotherapy I will not call the treating therapist as a witness in any custody, visitation, support or other subsequent court proceedings. I have been advised that evaluations pertaining to custody issues should be done by neutral evaluators who assess all parties involved and that the child's therapist precludes acting as custody evaluator.

I understand that the charge will be \$135 for the initial session and \$101 for subsequent 45 minute sessions. This may differ as determined by your insurance company. Psychological Testing is billed at \$143 per hour including time for scoring and interpretation. There will be a charge of \$101 per hour for other professional services not covered by insurance. This includes report writing, telephone conversations lasting longer than 10 minutes, consultations and any other service you request. I understand that payment is due when the services are rendered. I have been informed that if for any reason there is an outstanding balance over 90 days, PHR will take action to collect this balance and I will be responsible for any additional collection fees and costs. By my signature below I attest that I will be responsible for these charges.

If at any time I/we decide that therapy is not benefitting my/our son/daughter, I/we agree to notify Psychological Health Roanoke in writing that the therapy is to be terminated. I/We agree to assume financial responsibility for all charges incurred. I/We also agree to discuss termination of therapy and termination of my/our financial responsibility for it with my/our son/daughter so that he/she will understand the reason(s) for these decisions.

Date

Relationship & Signature of Parent/Guardian

If parents have joint legal custody, both parents need to sign permissions for their child to be seen here. A copy of this contract and the applicable handouts can be provided for the other parent.

Non-Subpoena Contract for Clients in Couple, Family, or Child/Parent Therapy

ALL PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE GOAL OF PSYCHOTHERAPY IS THE AMELIORATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS AND INTERPERSONAL CONFLICT, AND THAT THE PROCESS OF PSYCHOTHERAPY DEPENDS ON TRUST AND OPENNESS DURING THE THERAPY SESSIONS.

It is understood that no party shall attempt to subpoena PHR or the treating therapist's records for a deposition or court hearing of any kind for any reason.

Therefore, it is understood by all parties that if they request services from PHR, they are expected not to use information given to during the therapy process for their own legal purposes or against any of the other parties in a court or judicial setting of any kind.

Further, any testimony that interested parties may request will be met with "I respectfully choose not to answer on the basis of therapist-client privileged communication," pursuant to:

Virginia State Law Sec. 8.01-399. Communications between physicians and patients (Supreme Court Rule 2:505).

A. Except at the request or with the consent of the patient, or as provided in this section, no duly licensed practitioner of any branch of the healing arts shall be permitted to testify in any civil action, respecting any information that he may have acquired in attending, examining or treating the patient in a professional capacity.

Any action to be taken to uphold this agreement and the integrity of the client/therapist relationship will result in all applicable fees and expenses. These fees and expenses include, but are not limited, to legal fees, fees for PHR staff time, phone calls, face to face meetings, and time away from the office. Any additional applicable fees and expenses incurred by any PRH staff member will also be assessed and charged.

Signed and Dated _____

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Signed and Dated _____



Patient Name _____

Date _____

DOB _____

Release for Coordination With Primary Care Physician:

For the purpose of coordinating care, my behavioral healthcare practitioner may wish to release pertinent information about my current treatment to my primary care physician. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information. This release shall be valid until 365 days after my last date of treatment or until the time I revoke this release, which can be done at any time.

Name of Primary Care Physician

I do not have a Primary Care Physician.

(Check One) I do I do NOT give permission to the practitioner named above to exchange information about my current treatment with my primary care physician.

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Patient (Guardian) Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

***Below this line is to be completed by
Psychological Health Roanoke Clinician***

To: _____

Dear Dr. _____:

In an effort to coordinate care, I want to inform you that your patient (named above) was seen by me on _____ for treatment of _____.

Current recommendations for the type and setting of treatment include:

- () Individual Psychotherapy
- () Family Psychotherapy
- () Group Psychotherapy
- () Inpatient Unit
- () Evaluation
- () Intensive Outpatient Program
- () Partial Hospitalization Program

Comments: _____

If you need any further information, please contact me at 540-772-5140 or fax at 540-772-5157.

Sincerely,
Clinician: _____



**Psychological
Health
Roanoke_{PC}**

Patient Name _____

Date _____

DOB _____

Release for Coordination With Psychiatrist:

For the purpose of coordinating care, my behavioral healthcare practitioner may wish to release pertinent information about my current treatment to my psychiatrist. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information. This release shall be valid until 365 days after my last date of treatment or until the time I revoke this release, which can be done at any time.

Name of Psychiatrist

I do not have a psychiatrist.

(Check One) I do I do NOT give permission to the practitioner named above to exchange information about my current treatment with my Psychiatrist.

SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Patient (Guardian) Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____

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- Partial Hospitalization Program

Inpatient Unit

Comments: _____

_____ If you need any further information, please contact me at 540-772-5140 or fax at 540-772-5157.

Sincerely,

Clinician: _____

Patient # _____

Psychological Health-Roanoke
Child Intake

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ Sex _____ Race _____

Street _____

City

State

Zip Code

County

Parent (s) or Guardian (s) _____

Home Telephone # _____ Message # _____

Work- Mother _____ Father _____

Who referred you here? Name, Address & Relationship to Child

Has the child been seen at Lewis-Gale Psychological Health or Psychological Health-Roanoke?

_____ If yes, when? _____

Signature of person completing this form- _____

Relationship to child _____ Date _____

I. FAMILY HISTORY

Father's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

First

Middle

Last

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Highest Grade Completed _____ Other vocational training _____

Mother's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

First

Middle

Last

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Highest Grade Completed _____ Other vocational training _____

Marital status of parents _____ Marriage date _____

Date divorced, if applicable _____ Death of parent, if applicable _____

How long has the family lived at the current address? _____

Where else has the family lived during the child's life?

List all persons living in the home:

Name	Age	Relationship to child
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II. PARENTAL CONCERNS

What do you think is your child's main problem?

What have you been told by doctors, teachers and/or others about you child's problem?

What do you expect or hope to have happen as a result of an evaluation with this clinic?

What have you done to resolve the current problem?

III. PREGNANCY HISTORY

Did the mother:	Yes	No	What Month	Complications/Medications
Drink alcoholic beverages (Indicate how much)	___	___	_____	_____
Smoke (Indicate how much)	___	___	_____	_____
Take medications or drugs (Other than vitamins/iron)	___	___	_____	_____
Have other illnesses or medical problems	___	___	_____	_____

IV. BIRTH INFORMATION

Length of pregnancy _____ Length of labor _____ Was labor induced? _____

Birth was: Normal _____ Cesarean _____ Breech _____ Twins or more _____

Were forceps used? _____ Did mother have complications? _____

If yes, please specify:

Birth weight _____ How long did baby stay in the hospital after birth? _____

Did baby need medical assistance in starting to breathe? _____

Other complications? _____ If yes, please specify:

V. CHILD'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Motor Skills: (Write "not yet" where appropriate)

At what age did your child:

Smile _____ Roll over _____ Sit without support _____ Crawl _____

Pull to standing _____ Walk alone _____ Pedal a tricycle _____

What concerns, if any, do you have about your child's motor development?

2. Language and Hearing: (Write "not yet" where appropriate)

Do you feel your child hears: Well _____ Poorly _____ Not at all _____

Inconsistently _____ Uncertain _____

Does your child communicate mostly by: Gestures _____ Words _____ Crying _____

Phrases _____ Sentences _____

Has your child ever had PE tubes? _____ At what ages? _____

What age did your child: Make single sounds _____ Use words _____

Combine words to make sentences _____

Did your child begin to use words and then stop? _____ At what age? _____

What concerns do you have about your child's speech, language or hearing?

3. Feeding: (Write "not yet" where appropriate)

Was your child bottle fed? ___ Breast fed? _____

For his/her age, is your child: Average _____ Underweight _____ Overweight _____

Has your child had any problems with:

Feeding ___ Chewing ___ Teeth ___ Swallowing ___

What eating problems or unusual food habits does your child have?

4. Personal/Social: (Write "not yet" where applicable)

At what age did your child: give up the bottle _____ feed him/herself _____

Drink from a cup _____ dress him/herself _____

At what age was he/she: bladder trained _____ bowel trained _____

VI. MEDICAL HISTORY

Has your child ever been seriously ill? ___ If yes, with what

Has your child ever been hospitalized? ___ If yes, why?

When: _____ Where: _____

(Name and address of hospital)

List all medications your child currently takes, amounts and reason for taking:

Medicine	Amount	Reason
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Check any of the following which pertain to your child, indicating age and complications.

	Age	Complications		Age	Complications
___ Meningitis	___	_____	___ Seizure	___	_____
___ Fainting spells	___	_____	___ Headaches	___	_____
___ Visual problems	___	_____	___ Ear Infections	___	_____
___ Developmental Delay	___	_____	___ Other	___	_____
					(Specify)

VII. FAMILY HISTORY

Complete the following table for all of the mother's pregnancies in chronological order, including any miscarriages or stillbirths. (Please write on back if additional space is needed).

Name	Date of Birth	Birth Weight	Length of Pregnancy	Length of Labor	Problems at Birth	Any physical, emotional, behavioral, or educational problems?

Please note below if any of the child's relatives have had any of the following conditions (For example, brother, aunt, cousin, grandparent).

	Relationship To Child		Relationship To Child
Convulsions	_____	Cerebral Palsy	_____
Hearing Loss	_____	Mental Illness	_____
Mental Retardations	_____	Speech Problems	_____
School Difficulties	_____	Muscular Weakness	_____
Visual Impairment	_____	Deformities	_____
Alcoholism	_____	Emotional Problems	_____
Overactivity, attention problems	_____	Other	_____

Describe any of the above

What stressors have impacted your family recently? (i.e. deaths, marital conflicts, etc.)

VIII. BEHAVIOR

What problems are you experiencing with your child's behavior?

Who else (i.e. school, sitter) is having problems with your child's behavior?

IX. SCHOOL HISTORY

If your child has been to school, please complete the following, beginning with nursery/day care and ending with current placement. (If more room is needed, please use the other side of this page).

School	Address	Grade or Class Placement	Dates of Attendance

Have you requested testing from the school? ___ Yes ___ No

Is any testing scheduled? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, when? _____

X. PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

	Name	Complete Address
Pediatrician	_____	_____
Mental Health Professional	_____	_____
Specialist (specify)	_____	_____

FOR CLINICIAN USE ONLY:

DX: _____

GOALS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Psychological Health Roanoke

Electronic Communications/Social Media Policy

Psychological Health Roanoke is required to follow standard HIPAA regulations. To assure your right to have your privacy protected, we ask you to join us in adhering to the following standards. Your therapist will review and/or discuss any questions you may have related to this policy. Thank you for taking time to review this information and sign accordingly.

We offer the following secure communication services:

- Telephone contact is available during business hours with our reception staff.
- We have the capability to encrypt outgoing email messages to secure your privacy rights. When receiving an encrypted message, you will be prompted to set up a password which you should retain for future communications. Please be aware that emails and texts are considered part of the clinical record and will be recorded in your chart.
- We publish an informative mental health blog on our website, www.psychhealthroanoke.com. You are welcome to visit our blog posts.

The following are NOT secure and/or confidential forms of communication:

- Mobile phone or texting
 - Unencrypted email
 - Social Media sites such as Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Clinicians are NOT permitted to accept friend requests from current or former clients. Adding clients as friends or contacts on these sites can compromise your confidentiality and our respective privacy. It may also blur the boundaries of our therapeutic relationship.
 - You may email us at scheduling@psychhealthroanoke.com for quick, administrative issues such as changing appointment times.
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Please Initial One Below and Sign:

_____ I choose to use encrypted email to ensure the maximum degree of confidentiality.

_____ I am accepting the risk of non-secure or encrypted email, mobile phones and texting. I understand the risks to confidentiality and am aware these are not secure forms of electronic communication.

I have read and understand the above policy. I understand that there are risks to confidentiality if I were to choose to avoid encrypted email or other electronic communication methods.

Please print patient's name

Provider

Signature

Date

Psychological Health Roanoke
Informed Consent for Telehealth

This informed consent for telehealth contains important information focusing on therapy by using the phone or the internet. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions. This signed document represents an agreement between us.

Benefits and risks of telehealth

Telehealth provides psychotherapy services remotely using telecommunications technologies, such as videoconferencing or telephone. One of the benefits of telehealth is that the client and clinician can engage in services without being in the same physical location. This may be helpful in situations in which the client and clinician are not able to meet in person. Both the clinician and the client must be located in Virginia during the scheduled session. Telehealth, however, requires technical competence on both our parts to be helpful. Although there are benefits to telehealth, there are some differences between in- person psychotherapy and telehealth, as well as some risks.

For example:

- Risks to confidentiality- Because telehealth sessions take place outside of the therapist's private office, there is potential for other people to overhear sessions if you are not in a private place during the session. On my end I will take reasonable steps to ensure your privacy. But it is important for you to make sure you find a private place for your session where you will not be interrupted. It is also important for you to protect the privacy of our session on your cell phone or other device. You should participate in therapy only while in a room or area where other people are not present and cannot overhear the conversation.
- Issues related to technology- There are many ways that technology issues might impact telehealth. For example, technology may stop working during a session, other people might be able to get access to our private conference station, or store data could be accessed by unauthorized people or companies.
- Crisis management and intervention- Usually, I will not engage in telehealth clients who are currently in a crisis or may requiring high levels of support and intervention. Before engaging in telehealth, we will develop an emergency response plan to address potential crisis situations that may arise during our telehealth work.

Electronic communications

We will decide together which type of telehealth service to use. You may have to have certain computer or cell phone systems to use telehealth services. You are solely responsible for any cost to you to obtain any necessary equipment, accessories, or software to take part in telehealth.

For communication between sessions, I only use email communication and text messaging with your permission and only for administrative purposes unless we have made other arrangements. This means that email exchanges and text messages with my office should be limited to administrative matters. This includes things like setting and changing appointments, billing matters, and other related issues. You should be aware that I cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information communicated by email

or text. Therefore, I will not discuss any clinical information by email or text and prefer that you do not either. Also, I do not regularly check my email or texts, nor do I respond immediately, so these methods **should not** be used if there is an emergency.

Treatment is most effective when clinical discussions occur at your regularly scheduled sessions. But if an urgent issue arises, you should feel free to attempt to reach me by phone. I will try to return your call within 24 hours except on weekends and holidays. If you are unable to reach me and feel you cannot wait for me to return your call, contact your family physician, psychiatrist, or the nearest emergency room. If I will be unavailable for an extended time, feel free to call our office. To reach a receptionist, call 540 –772–5140.

Confidentiality

I have a legal and ethical responsibility to make my best efforts to protect all communications that are a part of our telehealth. However, the nature of electronic communication technologies is such that I cannot guarantee that our communications will be kept confidential or that other people may not gain access to our communications. I will try to use updated encryption methods, firewalls, and backup systems whenever possible to help keep your information private, but there is a risk that our electronic communications may be compromised, unsecured, or accessed by others. You should also take reasonable steps to ensure the security of our communications. For example, only use secure networks for telehealth sessions and have passwords to protect the device you use for telehealth. The extent of confidentiality and the exceptions to confidentiality that was described in the Psychological Health Roanoke informed consent document still applies in telehealth. Please let me know if you have any questions about exceptions to confidentiality.

Appropriateness of telehealth

From time to time we may schedule in-person sessions to check in with one another. I will let you know if I decide that telehealth is no longer the most appropriate form of treatment for you. We will discuss options of engaging in in-person counseling or referrals to another professional in your location who can provide appropriate services.

Emergencies and technology

Assessing and evaluating threats and other emergencies can be more difficult when conducting telehealth than in traditional in-person therapy. To address some of these difficulties, we will create an emergency plan before engaging telehealth services. I will ask you to identify an emergency contact person who is near your location and whom I will contact in the event of a crisis or emergency to assist in addressing the situation. I will ask that you sign a separate authorization form allowing me to contact your emergency contact person as needed during such crisis or emergency.

If the session is interrupted for any reason, such as the technological connection fails, and you are having an emergency, do not call me back; instead, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room. Carilion Clinic has the Connect program (540-981-8181 or 800-284-8898) for psychiatric emergencies. Call me back after you have called or obtained emergency services.

If the session is interrupted and you are not having an emergency, please disconnect the session and I will wait 2 minutes and then re-contact you via telehealth platform on which we agreed to conduct

therapy. If you do not receive a call back within 2 minutes, then call me on the phone number I have provided you. If there is a technological failure and we are unable to resume the connection, you will only be charged a prorated amount of actual session time.

Fees

The same fee rates will apply for telehealth as apply for in-person psychotherapy. However, insurance or other managed care providers may not cover sessions that are conducted via telecommunication. If your insurance, HMO, third-party payer, or other managed care provider does not cover electronic psychotherapy sessions, you will be solely responsible for the entire fee of session. Please contact your insurance company prior to our engaging in telehealth sessions in order to determine whether the sessions will be covered. Our financial office can provide assistance with this.

Records

The telehealth sessions shall not be recorded in any way unless agreed to in writing by mutual consent. I will maintain a record of our session in the same way I maintain records of in-person sessions in accordance with our policies.

Informed consent

This agreement is intended as a supplement to the general informed consent that we agreed to at the outset of our clinical work together and does not amend any of the terms of that agreement. Your signature below indicates agreement with its terms and conditions.

Client

Date

Therapist

Date