



Telemental Health Informed Consent

I, , hereby consent to participate in telemental health with **Michael Rehm** LPC, as part of my counseling/therapy. I understand that telemental health is the practice of delivering clinical health care services via technology assisted media or other electronic means between a practitioner and a client who are located in two different locations.

I understand the following with respect to telemental health:

- 1) I understand that I have the right to withdraw consent at any time without affecting my right to future care, services, or program benefits to which I would otherwise be entitled.
- 2) I understand that there are risks, benefits, and consequences associated with telemental health, including but not limited to, disruption of transmission by technology failures, interruption and/or breaches of confidentiality by unauthorized persons, and/or limited ability to respond to emergencies.
- 3) I understand that there will be no recording of any of the online sessions by either party. All information disclosed within sessions and written records pertaining to those sessions are confidential and may not be disclosed to anyone without written authorization, except where the disclosure is permitted and/or required by law.
- 4) I understand that the privacy laws that protect the confidentiality of my protected health information (PHI) also apply to telemental health unless an exception to confidentiality applies (i.e. mandatory reporting of child, elder, or vulnerable adult abuse; danger to self or others).

5) I understand that if I am having suicidal or homicidal thoughts, actively experiencing psychotic symptoms or experiencing a mental health crisis that cannot be resolved remotely, it may be determined that telemental health services are not appropriate and a higher level of care is required.

6) I understand that during a telemental health session, we could encounter technical difficulties resulting in service interruptions. If this occurs, we will end and restart the session. If we are unable to reconnect within ten minutes, the phone number I can be reached at is to discuss, since we may have to re-schedule. It is agreed that the therapist will call me at this number.

7) I understand that, in the event of an emergency, my therapist may need to contact my emergency contact and/or appropriate the authorities.

Emergency Protocols

I agree to provide my location in case of an emergency the beginning of each session. I agree to provide a name, phone and address of a contact person who may be contacted on my behalf in a life-threatening emergency only. This person will only be contacted to go to my location or take me to the hospital in the event of an emergency. In case of an emergency, my location is:

My emergency contact person's name, address, and phone is:

I have read the information provided above and discussed it with my therapist. I understand the information contained in this form and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Signature of client (your typed name will serve as your legal signature)

Date

Signature of therapist

Date