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PATIENT NAME:

DATE:

TELETHERAPY INFORMED CONSENT FORM

- (1) "Teletherapy" includes consultation, treatment, emails, telephone conversations, and other medical information using interactive audio, video, or data communications.
- (2) Teletherapy occurs in the state of Michigan (USA), and is governed by the laws of that state. In a manner of speaking, I am using this modality to visit my therapist in their Michigan private or personal office setting, where we will meet to do our work.
- (3) The laws that protect the confidentiality of my medical information also apply to teletherapy. Unless we explicitly agree otherwise, our teletherapy exchange is confidential. I will not include others in the session or have others in the room unless agreed upon.
- (4) I accept that teletherapy does not provide emergency services. If I am experiencing an emergency, I understand that I can call 911 or proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room for help.
- (5) In the event our teletherapy is not in my best interest(s), my therapist will explain to me and suggest some alternative options better suited to my needs.
- (6) I understand there are risks and consequences from teletherapy, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite reasonable efforts on the part of my therapist, that: the transmission of my information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures; the transmission of my information could be interrupted by unauthorized persons: and/or the electronic storage of my medical information could be accessed by unauthorized persons. I am responsible for information security on my own electronic device used for any and all teletherapy sessions.
- (7) I agree that it is my responsibility to call my insurance company to understand my coverage for mental health services via Telehealth devices. I understand that there may be a time limit to this type of coverage and assume any uncovered fees for services.

I have read, understand, and agree to the information above.

Patient Signature: _____

Name:

Date: