Poyner Mental Health Services	14453 SE 29th St. Suite D Choctaw, Oklah	oma 73020	405-741-2844 / (Fax) 405-733-1334	
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Patient Name:	Birth	Date:	Age:	
Contact and Message Phone #:_	Full Address: N	Jumbar Str	eet City & State 7ih Code	
Emergency contact name, relation	onship & phone number:		City O State 24 Cour	
Please describe any relevant history and the problems the patient is having:				
 How long has the patient be 	een experiencing these problems?			
Please	check the specific problems the patient	is currently ex	periencing	
Suicidal thoughts/actions	Severe anger outbursts	H	yperactivity/Inattention	
Sadness/low mood	Destruction of property	Di	ivorce	
Sleep problems	Cutting/cruelty/fires	M	[arital	
Appetite problems	Illegal behaviors	Pa	arenting	
Isolation	Addictions/drug abuse	C	hild's behavior	
Little interest in activities	Unreasonable fears	0	ccupational	
Low energy	Intrusive thoughts	C	hildhood problems	
Irritability	Repetitive thoughts/actions	Н	ealth/Medical problems	
Excessive worry/anxiety	Elevated mood/energy	Lo	ow self-esteem	
Argumentative	Sexual/gender/promiscuity		egal	
Trauma	Problems with friends	I a	am applying for disability	
Overly stressed	Family relationships		ther:	
Has the patient ever been diagwhen it was diagnosed:	nosed with a mental illness? <u>Check One</u> :	YES NO	If YES, please name the illness and	
Has the patient ever been hospitalized with mental health problems? <u>Check One</u> : YES NO If YES, please describe:				
Has the patient ever had counseling? <u>Check One</u> : YES NO If YES, when?				

Has the patient ever attem	npted suicide and/o	r purposely cı	ut or burned se	lf? Check One:	YES	NO If Y	ES, describe:
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Please list <i>any</i> medication	the patient is curre	ntly taking:					
If the patient is having sub	ostance abuse probl	lems, please di	iscuss this in se	ession.			
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Please provide any other in	nformation you beli	ieve is importa	ant to understa	nding the patien	t and the	patient's	problems:
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INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT AND/OR OTHER SERVICES CONTRACT

Welcome to the practice. This document contains important information about the professional services and business policies. Please read it carefully and jot down any questions you might have so that we can discuss them. By signing this document, you certify that you have read it in its entirety (six pages), understand it, agree with and will abide by each provision.

IMPORTANT

- For their safety, <u>children under the age of 13 cannot be left alone in the waiting room</u>. Parents/Guardians are ultimately responsible for the safety of their children, including those 13 or older when left in the waiting room unsupervised.
- For everyone's safety, firearms, knives or other weapons are not allowed on the premises.
- To keep our office clean: no food or drink (other than water or food for babies) are allowed inside the building.
- Regarding substances: <u>smoking and vaping are not allowed within 30 feet of our office, and no illicit drugs or alcohol are</u> allowed on the premises.

THERAPY SERVICES

Psychotherapy varies depending on the personalities of the clinician and patient and the particular problems you hope to address. There are many different methods we may use in therapy. Psychotherapy calls for an active effort on your part. In order for therapy to be most successful, you will have to work on things we talk about during our sessions and at home. Psychotherapy can have benefits and risks. Because therapy often involves discussing unpleasant aspects of your life, you may experience uncomfortable feelings. On the other hand, although there are no guarantees as to what you will experience, psychotherapy has also been shown to have benefits for people who go through it. If you have concerns about working with us, it is important that we discuss them. However, to best meet your needs, we are always willing to facilitate a referral to another mental health professional. The same is true if we believe we are not the best office to meet your needs. Therapy typically consists of a once-weekly 50-minute session, but could occur more or less often depending on circumstances. Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be given appointments on a same day or same time basis.

TESTING, ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

Occasionally during counseling/medication management sessions we will administer brief testing. Most often, evaluations are a 2-3 hour initial session with an assessor followed by a results session after the timely return of all the required assessments. Please see the Testing Agreement for more information. Important: Your insurance statements may show services on a date when you or your child were not in the office. This is because we are allowed to charge for test scoring, interpretation and report writing. You will be responsible for co-pays as directed by your insurance.

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Medication management is a separate service from therapy and testing offered at our office. The physician assistant who provides this service is capable of managing all psychiatric medications and offers goal-focused counseling during sessions. This is intended to aid in reducing or eliminating unwanted symptoms, to help you or your child achieve greater psychological comfort, to improve behavioral functioning and/or self control and achieve better adjustment to life circumstances. Not all cases are best managed by our provider so we will refer potential clients to more extensive psychiatric services as needed.

MEETINGS, PROFESSIONAL FEES, BILLING AND PAYMENTS

The hourly fee for therapy is \$100. The hourly fee for testing is \$125. The hourly fee for medication management is \$120. You will be expected to pay for each service at the time it is given unless we agree otherwise, or unless you have insurance covering the services provided. Payments include but are not limited to self-pay, **co-pays**, **deductibles**, no shows and/or late cancellation fees. We reserve the right to charge a \$65 no-show fee or late cancellation fee to the card on file, unless certain circumstances apply, as well as a \$50 fee for returned checks. If your account has not been paid for more than 30 days and arrangements for payment have not been agreed upon, we will attempt to charge the card on file, then use legal means and/or collections. If these actions are necessary, their costs will be included in the claims. In most situations, the only information we will release regarding a patient's treatment is his/her name, the dates, times, and nature of services provided and the amount due.

If you have a health insurance policy, it will usually provide coverage for mental health treatment. However, you (not your insurance company) are responsible for the full payment of fees. You understand and agree that it is your responsibility to obtain any preauthorization of services required by your insurance—even if we have contacted your insurance and receive authorization or have attempted to receive authorization. If you do not obtain preauthorization and it is required by your insurance, you acknowledge that you are responsible for payment. Although we will do our best to determine if your insurance covers our services, we cannot guarantee coverage or continued coverage. Please read your insurance coverage information and call your plan administrator if you have any concerns about payment. You should also be aware that most insurance companies require that we provide them with your clinical diagnosis, but sometimes we are required to provide additional clinical information, such as treatment plans, progress notes, summaries or copies of the entire record (in rare cases). We cannot guarantee that your insurance company will keep your records confidential. Please call your plan administrator if you have any concerns. By using your insurance, you authorize us to release such information to your insurance company.

If you become involved in legal proceedings that require our participation, you will be expected to pay for any professional time the provider spends on your legal matter, even if the request comes from another party. In the case of parenting and/or child issues, if we are required to testify, we will **NOT** give an opinion about either parent's custody, visitation, suitability, or fitness. If the court appoints a custody evaluator or *guardian ad litem* (GAL), we will only provide information if appropriate releases are signed or a court order is provided. Phone calls with a GAL will be charged at a rate of \$50 per 30 minutes. If a provider is required to appear as a witness or perform work related to any legal matter, the party responsible for their participation agrees to reimburse them at the rate of \$250 per hour for time spent traveling, speaking with attorneys, reviewing and preparing documents, testifying, being in attendance and/or any other case-related costs. **Important**: Your insurance will not cover legal services or fees.

COMMUNICATION

Regular business hours are M-Th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We are closed on Friday unless you have a special arrangement. If you are unable to reach us and there is an emergency (i.e. thoughts of suicide/homicide/self-harm) you must call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. The providers are often not immediately available by telephone. The phone is answered by office staff who work during regular business hours or voice mail. Our office will make every effort to return your call within 24 hours with the exception of weekends and holidays. We highly recommend scheduling an appointment for anything you would like to discuss with a provider as their schedules do not allow for returning phone calls directly. We have a separate voicemail specifically for medication refill requests as our administrative staff does not have the training to help with these requests. We request you leave one message per request for the provider to handle. Multiple messages will increase the time it takes for your request to be handled. We do have an email that the administrative staff manages during regular business hours as a secondary communication option. This email address is poynermentalhealthservices@protonmail.com and is HIPAA compliant. We will use this email to send paperwork and discuss scheduling and billing topics as needed. We do not communicate via social media with patients, nor do we respond to this type of communication from anyone in treatment with one of our providers. When you provide this office with a telephone number and/or email, you are giving the staff permission to contact you and/or leave a voicemail, unless you state otherwise in writing. In addition, you give us permission to fax or electronically transmit billing and/or collections information. Finally, you give the staff permission to fax information you have approved with a signed release of confidentiality (such as records) or is mandated by an outside entity (i.e. legal or protective services). We reserve the right to charge ten cents per page of copied material.

ACCESS AND STORAGE OF RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION

Your records are stored in the following manners: Paper file that is stored in a locked office in a locked file cabinet and/or in an electronic file that is protected by encryption.

DRIVING IMPAIRMENT

We respectfully request that you be free of alcohol or other intoxicants prior to to the office. If, during the session, the provider comes to suspect that your senses are impaired in any way, we will address that concern to determine if we can continue the appointment. If, in fact, you are "intoxicated" for whatever reason, the session will end and the provider or office staff will attempt to make arrangements for safe transportation from the office (i.e. calling a relative, friend, emergency contact, or calling a taxi cab). If, for some reason, you refuse to cooperate, then we have the option to contact the police in order to ensure your safety and the safety of others. In the event that an appointment is ended due to suspected intoxication, the full fee for the session will be due, regardless of the actual duration of the session. If we have realistic concerns related to your ability to drive safely because of, but not limited to, mental illness, dementia or a medical problems, we reserve the right to contact the Department of Public Safety in that regard.

CONFIDENTIALITY

In general, the privacy of all communications between a patient and a clinician is protected by law. Releasing information requires your written permission except in certain circumstances. If a judge orders a provider's testimony or records, we must comply. We are legally required to take protective actions if we believe that a child, vulnerable adult or elderly person is being abused or has

been abused, or if we believe a person has the intention or plan to hurt themselves or another person. These actions may include notifying a state agency and/or a potential victim and/or contacting the police and/or seeking inpatient care. However, we will attempt to fully discuss it with you before taking any action.

You should be aware that the practice employs multiple health professionals including administrative staff. In most cases, we need to share protected information with these individuals for both clinical (consultation with clinicians only) and administrative staff for such services as scheduling, billing and quality assurance. During a consultation, we make every effort to avoid revealing the identity of the patient, and any clinician consulted is also legally bound to keep the information confidential. Ordinarily, we will not tell you about these consultations unless we believe that it is important to our work together. All clinicians and staff members will be given training about protecting your privacy and will agree not to release any information outside of the practice without the permission of a professional staff member.

Although this written summary of exceptions to confidentiality is intended to inform you about potential issues that could arise, it is important that we discuss any questions or concerns you. We will be happy to discuss these issues with you and provide clarification upon your request. However, if you need specific clarification or advice we are unable to provide, formal legal advice may be needed, as the laws governing confidentiality are quite complex.

PARENT AUTHORIZATION FOR MINOR'S MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

In order to authorize mental health treatment for your child, you must have either sole or joint legal custody of your child. If you are separated or divorced from the other parent of your child, please notify the office immediately. You must provide the office with a copy of the most recent custody decree that establishes custody rights of you and the other parent or otherwise demonstrates that you have the right to authorize treatment for your child. You must furnish signed copies of this Informed Consent by both custodial parents for our office to be able to schedule your child as a new client. If you are separated or divorced from the child's other parent, please be aware that we may find it necessary to contact the other parent and advise them of appointments with your child.

One risk of child therapy involves disagreement among parents and/or disagreement between parents and the provider regarding the child's treatment. If such disagreements occur, the provider will listen carefully so that they can understand your perspectives and fully explain their perspective. Ultimately, parents decide whether treatment will continue. If either parent decides that treatment should end, we will honor that decision unless there are extraordinary circumstances. However, in most cases, we will ask that you allow me the option of having a few closing appointments with your child to appropriately end the treatment relationship.

In the course of treatment of your child, the provider may meet with the child's parents/guardians separately or together. Note: the patient is your child – not the parents/guardians/siblings/other family members of the child. If the provider meets with you or other family members in the course of your child's treatment, they may document the meeting in your child's treatment records. Please be aware that progress notes will be available to any person or entity that has legal access to your child's treatment record. In some situations, we are required by law or by the guidelines of governing boards to disclose information, whether or not the provider has you or your child's permission. We have listed some of these situations below.

Confidentiality *cannot be maintained* when:

- A child tells the provider they plan to cause serious harm or death to themselves, and they believe the child has the intent and ability to carry out this threat in the very near future. The provider must take steps to inform a parent or guardian or others of what the child has told them and how serious they believe this threat to be and to try to prevent the occurrence of such harm.
- A child tells the provider they plan to cause serious harm or death to someone else, and they believe the child has the
 intent and ability to carry out this threat in the very near future. In this situation, the provider must inform a parent or
 guardian or others, and they may be required to inform the police and/or the person who is the target of the threatened
 harm.
- A child is doing things that could cause serious harm to them or someone else, even if they do not intend to harm themselves or another person. In these situations, the provider will need to use their professional judgment to decide whether a parent or guardian should be informed.
- A child tells the provider, or they otherwise learn that, it appears that a child is being neglected or abused--physically, sexually or emotionally--or that it appears that they have been neglected or abused in the past. In this situation, the provider is required by law to report the alleged abuse to the appropriate state child-protective agency.
- The provider is ordered by a court to disclose information.

DISCLOSURE OF MINOR'S TREATMENT INFORMATION TO PARENTS

Treatment is most effective when a trusting relationship exists between the clinician and the patient. Privacy is especially important in earning and keeping that trust. As a result, it is important for children to feel free to discuss personal matters without fear that their thoughts and feelings will be immediately communicated to their parents. It is office policy to provide you with general information about your child's treatment, but not to share specific information your child has disclosed to the provider without your child's agreement, unless what is shared puts the child in danger. You can always ask the provider questions about the types of information they would disclose. Even when we have agreed to keep your child's treatment information confidential from you, the provider may believe that it is important for you to know about a particular situation that is going on in your child's life. As such, when meeting with you, the provider may sometimes describe your child's problems in general terms, without using specifics, in order to help you know how to be more helpful to your child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT NOT TO USE MINOR'S THERAPY INFORMATION/RECORDS IN CUSTODY LITIGATION

When a family is in conflict, particularly conflict due to parental separation or divorce, it is very difficult for everyone, particularly for children. Although the provider's responsibility to your child may require helping to address conflicts between the child's parents, the provider's role will be strictly limited to providing treatment to your child. You agree that in any child custody/visitation proceedings, neither of you will seek to subpoena records or ask the provider to testify in court, whether in person or by affidavit, or to provide letters or documentation expressing their opinion about any matter related to you or your child. However, your agreement may not prevent a judge from ordering the provider's testimony. If the provider is required to testify, they are ethically bound not to give their opinion about either parent's custody, visitation suitability, or fitness. If the court appoints a GAL or Child Protective Services is involved, the provider may be compelled to release information.

NOTICE OF POLICY AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

This notice describes how mental health and medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can obtain access to this information. **Please review this policy carefully.**

I. Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations

We may use or disclose your Protected Health Information (PHI) for treatment, payment and healthcare operations and purposes with your consent. To help clarify these terms, here are some definitions:

- a. "PHI" refers to information in your health record that could identify you.
- b. Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations:
 - "Treatment" is when the provider provides, coordinates or manages your health care and other services related to your health. An example of treatment would be when the provider consults with another health care provider, such as your family physician, primary care physician or another clinician.
 - "Payment" is when we obtain reimbursement for your healthcare. Examples of payment are when we disclose your PHI to your health insurer to obtain reimbursement for your healthcare or to determine eligibility or coverage.
 - "Health Care Operations" are activities that relate to the performance and operation of my practice. Examples of Health Care Operations are quality assessment and improvement activities, business-related matters such as audits and administrative services, case management and care coordination.
- c. "Use" applies on to activities within the office/practice such as sharing, employing, applying, utilizing, examining, and analyzing information that identifies you.
- d. "Disclosure" applies to activities outside the office/practice such as releasing, transferring or providing access to information about you to other parties.

II. Uses and Disclosures Requiring Authorization

We may use or disclose PHI without your consent or authorization in the following circumstances:

- <u>Child Abuse or Neglect</u>: If the provider has reason to believe that a child under the age of 18 years is the victim of abuse or neglect, the law requires that the provider makes a report to the appropriate government agency, usually to the Department of Human Services. Once such a report is filed, the provider may be required to provide additional information.
- Adult or Domestic Abuse: If I have reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is suffering from abuse, neglect or exploitation, the provider is required by law to make a report to either the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the District Attorney's office or the Municipal Police Department as soon as the provider becomes aware of the situation. A vulnerable adult means an individual who is an incapacitated person who, because of physical or mental disability, incapability or other disability, is substantially impaired in the ability to provide adequately for the care or custody of him/herself, or is unable to

- manage his/her property and financial affairs effectively, or to meet essential requirements for mental or physical health or safety, or to protect him/herself from abuse, neglect or exploitation without assistance from others.
- <u>Health Oversight</u>: If you file a disciplinary complaint against your provider with the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Oklahoma State Board of Mental Health, or the Oklahoma Medical Board, they would have the right to view your relevant confidential information as part of the proceedings.
- <u>Judicial or Administrative Proceedings</u>: If you are involved in a court proceeding and a request is made for information about your diagnoses and treatment and records thereof, such information is privileged under State law and we will not release the information without written authorization from you or your personal or legally appointed representative, or a court order. The privilege does not apply when you are being evaluated for a third party or where the evaluation is court ordered. You will be informed in advance if this is the case.
- <u>Serious Threat to Health and Safety</u>: If you communicate to the provider an explicit threat to kill or inflict serious bodily injury upon a reasonably identifiable person, and you have the apparent intent and ability to carry out that threat, the provider has the legal duty to take reasonable precautions. These precautions may include disclosing relevant information from your mental health records, which is essential to protect the rights and safety of others. The provider also has such a duty if you have a history of physical violence of which they are aware, and they have reason to believe there is a clear and imminent danger that you will attempt to kill or inflict serious bodily injury upon a reasonably identifiable person.
- <u>Worker's Compensation</u>: If you file a Worker's Compensation claim, you will be giving permission for the Administrator of the Worker's Compensation Court, the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner, Attorney General or District Attorney (or a designee for any of these) to examine your records relating to the claim.
- <u>Appointment Reminders</u>: We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as text messages, emails or letters).
- <u>Agency Review</u>: As an agency contracted with the State of Oklahoma, PHI can be released to the Oklahoma Health Care
 Authority or Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for oversight activities as authorized by
 law, including conducting or arranging for a medical review, auditing functions, including fraud, abuse detection and
 compliance programs. In addition, our compliance officer conducts periodic quality control audits or institutional reviews
 which will require access to your records.

III. Patient's Rights and Clinician's Duties

You have the following rights regarding PHI we maintain about you. To exercise any of these rights, please submit your request in writing to our Privacy Officer (Kim Woodhouse, LPC) at 14453 SE 29th St. Suite D, Choctaw, OK 73020:

- <u>Right to Request Restrictions</u>: You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information about you. However, we are not required to agree to a restriction you request.
- Right to Receive Confidential Communications by Alternative Means and at Alternative Locations:

 You have the right to request and receive confidential communications of PHI by alternative means and at alternative locations. (For example, you may not want a family member to know that you are seeing a counselor at our office. Upon your request, the office will send your bills to another address.)
- Right to Inspect and Copy: You have the right to inspect or obtain a copy (or both) of PHI in my mental health and billing
 records used to make decisions about you for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. We may deny your access to
 PHI under certain circumstances, but in some cases you may have this decision reviewed. On your request, the office will
 discuss with you the details of the request and denial process.
- Right to Amend: You have the right to request an amendment of PHI for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. The office may deny your request, but on your request, we will discuss with you the amendment process.
- Right to an Accounting: You generally have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of PHI regarding you. On your request, the office will discuss with you the details of the accounting process.
- Right to a Paper Copy: You have the right to obtain a paper copy of the notice from me upon request, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically.
- <u>Clinician's Duties</u>: We are required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide you with a notice of legal duties and privacy practices. The office reserves the right to change the privacy policies and practices described in this notice. Unless we notify you of such changes, however, the office is required to abide by the terms currently in effect. If we revise our policies and procedures, the office will notify you in writing by mail, or at your next appointment.

IV. Questions and Complaints

If you desire further information about our privacy practices, or if you have questions, please contact this office. If you are concerned that your privacy rights have been violated or you disagree with a decision I made about access to your records, you may contact the Privacy Officer (Kim Woodhouse, LPC) of Poyner Mental Health Services at 14453 SE 29th St. Ste. D Choctaw, OK 73020.

You may also send a written question or complaint to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The person listed above can provide you with the appropriate address upon request. We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

V. Effective Date, Restrictions, and Changes to Privacy Policy

This notice will go into effect on January 1, 2024. We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all PHI that we maintain. The office will provide you with a revised notice in writing by mail or at your next appointment.

You have the right to services:

- That respect your privacy and dignity; that they are provided in a prompt, courteous and respectful manner;
- That respect your cultural and ethnic identity, religion, disability, gender, age, marital status and sexual orientation;
- That are provided in a physical environment that is safe, sanitary, allows for effective treatment and which safeguards the privacy and confidentiality of interactions with your provider;
- From providers who are qualified, competent, focused on your care, and reasonably accessible to you;
- That emphasize your participation in developing a treatment plan specific to your needs and include your agreement to work toward defined goals;
- That in relation to admission, discharge or treatment, are free of discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, creed, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, pregnancy, marital status, disability or sexual orientation.

Rights to Current Information Concerning:

- Your diagnosis, recommended appropriate or medically necessary treatment options that relate to your care, potential alternatives and accompanying risks, benefits and costs (in writing for Medicare patients). This information, regardless of cost or benefit coverage, will be explained in terms and in a language that you can reasonably understand;
- Written financial agreements in which you entered for treatment services rendered;
- Possible consequences or conditions under which you may be transferred to another treatment program or therapist and the accompanying risks, benefits and costs of such a transfer;
- Names and credentials of providers involved in your care;
- Your responsibilities to ensure better treatment outcomes;
- Your records and having information explained or interpreted as necessary, except when protected or restricted by law;
- How to access emergency services needed outside of normal business hours or when you are away from you usual place of residence or work;
- How your healthcare insurance plan evaluates new technology for inclusion as a covered benefit;
- How to select a new behavior healthcare delivery office or provider if your current provider is affected by termination or closure:
- Resources and procedures available through your healthcare insurance plan for communicating concerns or questions, for
 expressing dissatisfaction with services or care, and for requesting an appeal if not satisfied with any decisions regarding
 dissatisfaction with services or care;
- Services available to you and charges for those services including services not covered under health plan's benefits.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT AND/OR OTHER SERVICES CONTRACT		
Patient Name:	Guardian: (if pati	ient is a child):
The client or responsible party mu	ıst sign this form before service	es can begin.
	ned in the entire INFORMED	answered, fully understand, agree with and will CONSENT FOR TREATMENT AND/OR OTHER, please let us know.
Patient or Guardian or Authorized	d Patient Representative	Date

Informed Consent for Telehealth Services



Telehealth involves the use of electronic communications to enable Poyner Mental Health Services' mental health professionals to connect with individuals using interactive video and audio communications.

Telehealth includes the practice of psychological health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, referral to resources, education, and the transfer of medical and clinical data. I understand that I have the rights with respect to telehealth:

- 1. The laws that protect the confidentiality of my personal information also apply to telehealth. As such, I understand that the information disclosed by me during the course of my sessions is generally confidential. However, there are both mandatory and permissive exceptions to confidentiality, including, but not limited to, reporting child, elder, and dependent adult abuse; expressed threats of violence toward an ascertainable victim; and where I make my mental or emotional state an issue in a legal proceeding. I also understand that the dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from the telehealth interaction to other entities shall not occur without my written consent.
- 2. I understand that I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to the use of telehealth in the course of my care at any time, without affecting my right to future care or treatment.
- 3. I understand that there are risks and consequences from telehealth, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite reasonable efforts on the part of the counselor, that: the transmission of my personal information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures, the transmission of my personal information could be interrupted by unauthorized persons, and/or the electronic storage of my personal information could be unintentionally lost or accessed by unauthorized persons. Poyner Mental Health Services utilizes secure, encrypted audio/video transmission software to deliver telehealth.
- 4. I understand that if my counselor believes I would be better served by another form of intervention (e.g., face-to-face services), I will be referred to a mental health professional associated with any form of psychotherapy, and that despite my efforts and the efforts of my counselor, my condition may not improve, and in some cases may even get worse.
- 5. I understand the alternatives to counseling through telehealth as they have been explained to me, and in choosing to participate in telehealth, I am agreeing to participate using video conferencing technology. I also understand that at my request or at the direction of my counselor, I may be directed to "face-to-face" psychotherapy.
- 6. I understand that I may expect the anticipated benefits such as improved access to care and more efficient evaluation and management from the use of telehealth in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.
- 7. I understand that my healthcare information may be shared with other individuals for scheduling and billing purposes. Others may also be present during the consultation other than my counselor in order to operate the video equipment. The above-mentioned people will all maintain confidentiality of the information obtained. I further understand that I will be informed of their presence in the consultation and thus will have the right to

request the following: (1) omit specific details of my medical history that are personally sensitive to me, (2) ask non-clinical personnel to leave the telehealth room, and/or (3) terminate the consultation at any time.

- 8. I understand that my express consent is required to forward my personally identifiable information to a third party.
- 9. I understand that I have a right to access my medical information and copies of my medical records in accordance with the laws pertaining to the state in which I reside.
- 10. By signing this document, I agree that certain situations, including emergencies and crises, are inappropriate for audio-/video-/computer-based psychotherapy services. If I am in crisis or in an emergency, I should immediately call 9-1-1 or seek help from a hospital or crisis-oriented health care facility in my immediate area.

Payment for Telehealth Services

Poyner Mental Health Services will bill insurance for telehealth services. It is your responsibility to understand if your insurance pays for telehealth. In the event that insurance does not cover telehealth, the individual wishes to pay out-of-pocket, or when there is no insurance coverage, prompt payment is expected. Any applicable copays or fees must be paid prior to the session. A fee of \$65 will be charged for appointments which are not canceled without 24 hours notice.

Patient Consent to the Use of Telehealth

I have read and understand the information provided above regarding telehealth, have discussed it with my counselor, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have read this document carefully and understand the risks and benefits related to the use of telehealth services and have had my questions regarding the procedure explained. I hereby give my informed consent to participate in the use of telehealth services for treatment under the terms described herein. By my signature below, I hereby state that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this document.

Signature	Print Name	Date



Appointment Reminders

We can now send you appointment confirmation messages and reminders by text message and email. If you wish to receive these messages we require your consent.

If you wish to receive these messages, please read the disclaimer below then complete and sign.

I consent to Poyner Mental Health Services contacting me by text message and email for the purposes of appointment reminders.

I acknowledge that appointment reminders by text and email are an additional service and that these <u>may not</u> take place on all occasions, and that the responsibility of attending appointments or canceling them still rests with me. I can cancel the reminders at any time.

I acknowledge that Poyner Mental Health Services can only have one phone on file for reminders and will <u>not</u> be responsible for contacting any other parent/guardians for appointment reminders.

Text messages and emails are generated using a secure platform. I understand that they are transmitted over a public network onto a personal device and as such may not be secure. However, the practice will not transmit any information which would enable an individual patient to be identified.

I agree to advise the practice if my mobile number or email changes or is no longer in my possession.

Patient Name	Date of birth	
Name of parent/guardian (If applicable)		
Mobile Number	_ Email	
By signing I agree to all the terms and condit	ions above.	
Signature	Date	

Credit Card Consent Form

Poyner Mental Health Services requires all patients to securely store a form of payment by credit card for all patients. You may still choose to pay by cash, check, HSA, or credit card on the day of your appointment, and your card information will only be kept on file to be used in the case of account balances over 30 days past due or no show/late cancellation fees. Patients who cancel counseling or medication management appointments with less than 24 hours notice, arrive 15 minutes or more past their scheduled appointment, or do not show up for scheduled appointments with less than 48 hours notice, arrive 15 minutes or more past their scheduled appointment, or do not show up for the scheduled appointment will be charged a \$200 fee.

A fee <u>WILL</u> be automatically charged to the card on file if an appointment is not canceled with enough notice.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the terms of this agreement, agree to pay, and specifically authorize the charging of my credit card as stipulated. I further agree that in the event my credit card becomes invalid, I will provide a valid credit card upon request to be charged for the payment of any outstanding balances owed. Delinquent accounts may be sent to collections if a payment plan has not been set up within 30 days of account finalization.

Patient Name:	
If you would like an unsecured emailed copy of your receipts, p would like used below:	lease identify the address you
Last Four Digits of Card Number	
Name on Credit Card:	
Signature of Guarantor for Payment:	Date:

This credit card authorization will remain in effect and on file with Poyner Mental Health Services unless revoked in writing or until the therapeutic relationship is terminated, at which time, authorization to charge your credit card will be revoked, unless an outstanding balance remains on your account after termination.

Please send completed paperwork to this email: poynermentalhealthservices@protonmail.com