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TELEPSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES INFORMATION & CONSENT

Please be aware that there are special considerations involving security and privacy during the use of telepsychological services. “Telepsychological services” refers to psychological evaluation or therapeutic procedures rendered via assistive technology, such as a mobile phone, computer tablet, laptop, or desktop computer, and exchange of information via instant messaging, text messaging, telephone-audio, or email communication. Video-audio telehealth services are currently covered by Medicare and most commercial insurance carriers, and are usually reimbursed at the same rate as person-to-person services conducted in the office.

You will be required to have a credit card on file to cover any out-of-pocket costs incurred, such as co-pays or deductibles. If you have questions about specifics of the coverage for tele-psychological services, please check your insurance benefits. Dr. Geiser will speak with you to discuss the type of interactive device most suitable to your case, all pertinent procedures, and contingency plans if problems occur during the delivery of tele-psychological services.

If you choose to participate in interactive videoconferencing, you will be required to provide either a valid email address or a mobile telephone number where you will receive an invitation and link to communicate with Dr. Geiser. Dr. Geiser will explain the procedures in greater detail and answer any of your questions prior to the first scheduled telepsychology session. Please use a secure connection, preferably at home, rather than a public, or unsecured Wi-Fi connection.

During the session, it will be important for you to turn off any notifications or potential sources of interruption on the device you are using. **Please arrange to conduct the session in a private location where you can talk freely and not be disturbed.** Please be sure that any needs of members in your household, including pets, are addressed in advance so that they do not disturb you during the session.

Method of interaction: Dr. Geiser will communicate with you via computer, telephone, or tablet, depending on your preferences and availability of the technology in your case. He will use a secure “platform,” such as **Doxy.me** or **SessionSync**, in most cases, for maintaining a secure, private connection during the conduct of tele-psychological services. Any exchange of paperwork will be provided through electronic means, such as email attachments, or through postal delivery. Patients will be encouraged to exchange information via the Therapy Appointment electronic healthcare portal used for maintaining records of Dr. Geiser’s practice. The portal can be logged into at **therapyappointment.com** after you have provided your email address and an invitation has been sent to you via the Therapy Appointment site.

Risks: Although tele-psychological services rely on technology that allows for greater convenience, there are risks in transmitting information that include, but are not limited to, breaches of confidentiality, theft of personal information, and disruption of service due to technical difficulties. Although a security or privacy breach is unlikely, should such a breach be suspected, concerns will be communicated immediately to the other party. The teletherapy interaction remains private,

confidential, and both you and Dr. Geiser agree not to record any session without permission from the other person.

Disruption of Service: Should services be disrupted, Dr. Geiser will try to refresh or restore the session. He will contact you at your preferred contact number if the videoconference connection cannot be restored within 5 minutes.

Emergency Procedures: In the event of a clinical emergency, such as serious thoughts of suicide, you may of course call Dr. Geiser at the mobile number provided to you. During regular business hours, you may also call his Office (239-278-3231). However, Dr. Geiser may be currently in session or otherwise occupied and be unable to take your call. If you are unable to get through to Dr. Geiser, please call 911.

Please be aware that the laws and professional standards that apply to in-person psychological services also apply to telehealth services. Please be aware that this document does not replace other agreements or documentation of informed consent. All other considerations of the general **Consent for Psychological Services** form also apply to telepsychological services.

By signing below, you confirm your understanding of the above and agree to follow the express rules for the conduct of tele-psychological services.

Patient (or legal guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Psychologist Signature: _____ Date: _____