



INFORMED CONSENT FOR TELEHEALTH SERVICES

This is an addition to the previously signed Informed Consent/Service Contract. Please review this information carefully and ask your therapist any questions that you have.

- There are potential benefits and risks of video-conferencing (e.g. limits to patient confidentiality) that differ from in-person sessions.
- Confidentiality still applies for telehealth services, and nobody will record the session without the permission from the others person(s).
- All video conferencing correspondences will be done through Pimsy EHR which are encrypted to the federal standard and HIPAA compliant.
- You need to use a webcam or smartphone during the session.
- It is important to be in a quiet, private space that is free of distractions (including cell phone or other devices) during the session.
- It is important to use a secure internet connection rather than public/free Wi-Fi.
- It is important to be on time. If you need to cancel or change your tele-appointment, you must notify the therapist in advance by phone or email.
- We need a back-up plan (e.g., phone number where you can be reached) to restart the session or to reschedule it, in the event of technical problems.
- We need a safety plan that includes at least one emergency contact and the closest ER to your location, in the event of a crisis situation.
- If you are not an adult, we need the permission of your parent or legal guardian (and their contact information) for you to participate in telehealth sessions.
- You should confirm with your insurance company that the video sessions will be reimbursed; if they are not reimbursed, you are responsible for full payment.
- As your therapist, I may determine that due to certain circumstances, telehealth is no longer appropriate and that we should resume our sessions in-person.
- **Client Agreement:** By signing this form, you agree to:
 - Avoid using mind altering substances prior to and during session.
 - Dress appropriately during web-based sessions, as you would if you were attending a session at your counselor's office
 - Not conduct other activities while in session, such as driving.
 - Be located within the state of Ohio, or a state where the clinician is eligible to practice
 - Minors should have a parent or guardian with them at the location/building of the web-based session, unless otherwise agreed upon with their counselor.

Client Name: _____

Signature of Client/Client's Legal Guardian/Representative: _____

Date: _____