
CONSENT FOR USE OF AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO THERAPY

CLIENT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CLIENT LOCATION (CITY/STATE): _____

TREATING CENTER NAME: Mental and Emotional Resource Center (MERCΙ)

PROVIDER NAME: _____

DATE CONSENT REVIEWED: _____

The terms “[CENTER]”, “we”, “us”, or “our” refer to the Mental and Emotional Resource Center (MERCΙ) and the terms “you” and “yours” refer to the Client listed above. The term “Provider” refers to the therapist listed above.

Introduction

“Audio and/or VideoTherapy Services” involve the delivery of health care services, including but not limited to diagnostic interviews, individual therapy, couples therapy, family therapy, and group therapy using electronic communications, information technology or other means between a health care provider employed by or otherwise contracted with the Center (“Provider”) and the Client who are not in the same physical location. Audio and/or Video Therapy may be used for diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and/or education, and may include, but is not limited to:

- Electronic transmission of clinical records, photo images, personal health information or other data between a member and a Provider;
- Interactions between a Client and Provider via audio, video and/or data communications; and
- Use of output data from clinical devices, sound and video files.

The vendor of the electronic systems used in the provision of Audio and/or Video Therapy Services has represented that it incorporates industry standard network and software security protocols to protect the privacy and security of health information.

Possible Benefits of Video Therapy

- Can be easier and more efficient for you to access clinical care and treatment from a Provider.
- You can obtain clinical care and treatment at times that are convenient for you.
- You can interact with a Provider without the necessity of an in-office appointment.

Possible Risks of Video Therapy

- Information transmitted to your Provider may not be sufficient to allow for appropriate clinical decision making by the Provider.
- The inability of your Provider to conduct certain tests or assessments in-person may in some cases prevent the Provider from providing a diagnosis or treatment or from identifying the need for emergency clinical care or treatment for you.

- Your Provider may not be able to provide clinical treatment for your particular condition via Video Therapy and you may be required to seek alternative care.
- Delays in clinical evaluation/treatment could occur due to failures of the video technology
- Security protocols or safeguards could fail causing a breach of privacy.
- Given regulatory requirements in certain jurisdictions, your Provider's treatment options may be limited.

By accepting this Consent to Audio and/or Video Therapy, you acknowledge your understanding and agreement to the following:

1. I understand that the delivery of health care services via Audio and/or Video Therapy is an evolving field and that the use of Audio and/or Video Therapy in my clinical care and treatment may include uses of technology not specifically described in this consent.
2. I understand that while the use of Audio and/or Video Therapy may provide potential benefits to me, as with any clinical care service no such benefits or specific results can be guaranteed. My condition may not be cured or improved, and in some cases, may get worse.
3. It is my duty to inform my Provider of other in-person or electronic interactions regarding my care that I may have with other health care providers.
4. I understand that my Provider may determine in his or her sole discretion that my condition is not suitable for treatment using Audio and/or Video Therapy and that I may need to seek clinical care and treatment in-person or from an alternative source.
5. A variety of alternative methods of medical care may be available to me and that I may choose one or more of these at any time. My Provider has explained the alternatives to my satisfaction.
6. I understand that the same confidentiality and privacy protections that apply to my other health care services also apply to these Audio and/or Video Therapy services.
7. I agree and authorize my Provider and Center to share information regarding the Audio and/or Video Therapy exam with other individuals for treatment, payment and health care operations purposes as allowed by law.
8. I understand that I can withhold or withdraw my consent at any time by emailing or providing other such written notification to my Provider with such instruction, without affecting my right to future care or treatment. Otherwise, this consent will be considered renewed upon each new Audio and/or Video Therapy consultation with my Provider.

Client Consent for Use of Audio and/or Video Therapy

I have read this special Consent for Use Audio and/or Video Therapy carefully and understand the risks and benefits of the use of Audio and/or Video Therapy in the course of my treatment. I have discussed it with my Provider and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby give my informed consent for the use of Audio and/or Video Therapy in my behavioral health care. I hereby authorize Provider to use Audio and/or Video Therapy in the course of my diagnosis and treatment.

Signature (Client or person authorized to sign for Client) _____
Date

If authorized signer, relationship to Client: _____

I have been offered a copy of this consent form (Client's initials) _____

