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CONSENT FOR VIDEOCOUNSELING

Introduction:
Videocounseling (or telemedicine) is the use of electronic communication for your therapist and you to participate in counseling while you are at different locations. Similar to FaceTime or Skype, we will use a secure web connection to talk to another, similar to an office session. I use TheraNest, which will provide us with a HIPAA-complaint connection.

Expected benefits:
1. Convenience of being able to have sessions without travelling to my office. You can avoid traffic and continue with an appointment if you are unwell or unable to travel.
2. Continuity of care: We can continue to have sessions even if one of us is not in town or able to come to the office.
3. Sessions cannot be recorded, so your privacy is protected.

Which clients can videoconference:
1. I am only offering videoconferencing to clients who I have seen in the office three times already. This initial face-to-face contact allows us to get to know each other well. In certain cases, I might make an exception.
2. You must be a resident of the state of Florida. My license limits my ability to offer services to residents of other states. We can videoconference if you are on vacation or working in another state, as long as you are still a legal resident of Florida.

Possible risks:
1. While the video platform is secure, you have to ensure that you are in a location that is private and that you are not on a public network. You should have a strong broadband connection for the call to flow smoothly. We will have a free trial session to make sure the technology works before scheduling a regular session.
2. Glitches in technology might interrupt the session. In that case, I will make every reasonable effort to schedule a makeup visit to the office that week.

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