Hope Psychological Services, PLLC

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CONSENT FOR EVALUATION/TREATMENT

Client's Name:	Date of Birth:
[,	_, hereby give full consent for myself to receive services until I notify Dr. Paige
Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, if services are no	longer appropriate, or if services will no longer be provided. If applicable: I certify that
I have the legal authority to authorize and co	onsent to treatment or evaluation as parent, managing conservator, or guardian of this
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I authorize Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC to carry out the psychological assessments and treatment that are advisable during the course of my psychotherapy. I understand that while the assessment and treatment is designed to be helpful and beneficial, it may at times be difficult and uncomfortable due to discussion of unpleasant life events or uncomfortable feelings like sadness, anger, guilt, or frustration. However, benefits from therapy can include better relationships, solutions to specific problems, and significant reductions in feelings of distress. There is an expectation that I will benefit from the assessment or treatment, but there is no guarantee this will occur. Therapy also requires an active effort on my part and may include activities or assignment to complete at home. Psychotherapeutic treatment also includes the possibility that symptoms may worsen before improving, and that there is no guarantee of a cure. If I have questions about treatment procedures, I will discuss them with my therapist. If doubts persist, I will ask my therapist about other options for treatment that may include referrals to other therapists.

SESSIONS

Psychotherapy sessions are 45 to 50 minutes in length. An initial evaluation is conducted to determine the appropriate services and treatment goals, and it can take more than one session to complete. Formal treatment is not initiated until the therapist and client agree to do so and will be conducted weekly at an agreed upon time. If a session needs to be cancelled, 24 hours notice is required. If a client misses 3 or more consecutive appointments, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC reserves the right to remove the client from her schedule at the previously agreed upon time and discharge the client. If the client is interested in continuing services, future appointments will be scheduled at an available time according to the therapist's schedule and may not be at the same time as previous appointments.

CONTACTING YOUR THERAPIST

Your therapist, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, is typically available by telephone during business hours unless with a client. When unavailable, the telephone is answered by voice mail that is monitored frequently. Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC will attempt to return your call within 24 hours, or on the next business day with exceptions of weekends and holidays. Calls identified as emergencies will be returned as soon as possible. If you are difficult to reach, please leave times you will be available. If you are unable to reach your therapist and are unable to wait for a return call, contact your family physician, call 911, the crisis hotline (713-468-5463), or the nearest hospital emergency room.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The law protects the privacy of all communications between a therapist and the client. Information provided in therapy is confidential and generally will not be released to others without the client's written consent. There are professional ethical obligations, or state and/or federal law require the clinician to disclose confidential information without the client's consent in certain circumstances. If disclosure is necessary, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC will make every reasonable effort to inform the client of the disclosure. Typically, information about your treatment is only released to others if you sign a written Authorization form. This signed agreement provides consent for the following:

- If any information concerning the abuse of a child, elder or disabled person is disclosed, the therapist is mandated by law to make a report to the proper authorities.
- If the therapist determines there is a probability the client will inflict harm on either himself/herself or others, the therapist is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to medical or law enforcement personnel. By signing this form, you specifically give irrevocable permission to warn those parties the therapist feels may be harmed. If the client reveals an intent to harm himself/herself, the therapist has permission, also irrevocable, to attempt to prevent the client from accomplishing that intent
- If a client is involved in a court proceeding and a request is made for information concerning your diagnosis and treatment, such information is protected and cannot be provided without your (or your legal representative's) written authorization or a court order
- If a client has been referred by a managed care or insurance company or a client plans to have the therapist file for reimbursement with a managed care or insurance company, the managed care or insurance company may require information about the diagnosis

and treatment records. When fees for services are not paid in a timely manner, collection agencies may be utilized in collecting unpaid debts.

- If a government agency is requesting the information for health oversight activities, the therapist may be required to provide it to
- In the event of a client's death, the personal representative of the deceased client has a right to access his/her records.
- If the client files a lawsuit against the therapist or if a court order, legal proceeding, statute, or regulation requires disclosure of records, the therapist may be required to release of the client's therapy records.
- Your therapist may need to consult other professionals about a case. Every effort is made to avoid revealing the identity of clients. The other professionals are also legally bound to keep the information confidential. If you do not object, you will not be told about these consultations unless your therapist feels that it is important to your work together.

More information regarding confidentiality is provided in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

RECORDS

The therapist by law maintains a record of the treatment given to the client and contains the information that will allow the therapist to chart the course of therapy (i.e. reason for seeking therapy, your treatment history, records from other past providers, progress towards goals, billing records, and insurance information). The therapist will use it only for that purpose, and no one will see what is contained in the file unless an authorization is signed or it meets previously stated criteria. Except in circumstances that involve danger to the client and others, the client may get a copy of the file by submitting a signed release of information request. A synopsis of the course of treatment and outcome may be provided in lieu of the actual record if deemed appropriate by the therapist. A copy fee per page will be charged. Because these are professional records and can be misinterpreted or be upsetting to untrained readers, it is recommended you review them in the presence of your therapist. In the event of your death, these requirements will be binding on any heirs, successors or executor(s).

If the therapy sessions contain more than one client, the therapist will attempt to maintain separate records on each client. However, only that individual is entitled to his/her own record. The therapist may summarize the course of each individual's treatment as opposed to providing a copy of what notes may have been made during any therapy session.

If the client chooses to utilize insurance plans with a managed care or insurance company, the therapist may have to share information about the client's treatment and diagnosis. The therapist will do so as required to obtain all the treatment that is appropriate. The managed care or insurance company is not bound by the same ethical and legal requirements on maintaining the confidentiality the client's treatment records may require. Once these records are in the possession of the managed care or insurance company, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC cannot guarantee their continued confidentiality.

MINORS & PARENTS

Because privacy is often crucial to success, your therapist will typically provide parents only with general information regarding the child's treatment. Before giving parents any additional information, the therapist will discuss the matter with the child.

PAYMENT

Payment is due at the time of service unless otherwise arranged prior to the appointment or if an insurance plan requires other arrangements. Payment schedules for other professional services will be agreed to when they are provided. If your account has not been paid for more than 60 days and arrangements for payment have not been agreed upon, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC has the option of using legal means to secure payment. Use of a collection agency or small claims court will require disclosure of otherwise confidential information. In most collection situations, the only information released regarding a client's treatment is his/her name, the nature of services provided, and the amount due. (If such legal action is necessary, its costs will be included in the claim.)

If you have a health insurance policy, it will usually provide some coverage for mental health treatment. It is very important that you find out exactly what mental health services your insurance policy covers. If Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC is an in-network provider for your insurance carrier, she will bill in accordance with their policy less any applicable co-payments. If she is an out-of-network provider for your insurance carrier, Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC will not fill out forms nor will she submit your requests to your insurance company unless agreed upon at the initiation of services. She can provide an "Insurance Superbill" that you can submit for out-of-network reimbursement. Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC will provide you with whatever assistance she can in helping you receive the benefits to which you are entitled; however, you (not your insurance company) are responsible for full payment of the fees.

Your contract with your health insurance company might require that Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC provide information such as a clinical diagnosis, treatment plans or summaries, or copies of the entire record. This information will become part of the insurance company files. Though all insurance companies claim to keep such information confidential, this therapist has no control over what they do with it once it is in their hands. By signing this agreement, you agree that Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC can provide requested information to your carrier.

TERMINATION OF TREATMENT

Signature of Witness

The length of time required for therapy will be determined by your personal situation, and your therapist will do her best to fulfill your therapeutic needs and to provide you with the best professional care. The client agrees to participate in the process as needed to the best of his/her ability. It is intended that when the client's needs are met, to the extent that they can be, the therapeutic relationship will be terminated. There is no guarantee of a cure, and a client may terminate treatment at any time. This may be accomplished in any one of several ways. These include, but are not limited to, putting it in writing, informing the clinician verbally, failing to maintain my appointment schedule without proper notification, or failure to follow treatment recommendations. If a client misses 3 or more consecutive appointments, the therapist reserves the right to remove the client from her schedule at the previously agreed upon time and discharge the client. If the client is interested in continuing services, future appointments will be scheduled at an available time according to the therapist's schedule and may not be at the same time as previous appointments.

FOR PATIENTS REQUESTING MEDICAID/INSURANCE BILLING

In the event Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC files claims for insurance reimbursement, my signature below authorizes payment of benefits to be issued directly to Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC. If my insurance company mistakenly remits payment to me, I agree to send that check along with any paperwork to Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC. I authorize the release of any medical or treatment information needed to determine benefits, including medical, surgical, psychiatric, and/or substance abuse (drug or alcohol) information as required by the managed care/insurance company. This authorization shall remain valid until written notice is given by the revoking said authorization. I understand that this order does not relieve me of my obligation to pay such bills if not paid by my Insurance Company or of any balance due after payments by my Insurance Company.

	PLEASE INITIAL
therapeutic techniques, that your questions were	at you have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding procedures, policies, and answered to your satisfaction by the therapist, and you voluntarily give your consent the right to withdraw your consent for treatment at any time.
Printed Name of Client	
Client (or Parent/Guardian) Signature	Date
Relationship to Client	

Date

PERSONAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire. Feel free to write on the back of the page.

Client Name:	Date of Birth: Age:
Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
Social Security Number:	Ethnicity:
Relationship/Marital Status:	Religious/Spiritual Preference:
Cell Phone:	May I leave a message? Yes No
	May I send you a text message? Yes No
Home Phone:	May I leave a message? Yes No
Work Phone:	May I contact you/leave a message at work? Yes No
such as appointments, scheduling, payments, etc form of communication and thus privacy canno.	appointments through email than phone. If you would like the option of communicating about issue, of please list email addresses below. It is important to note, however, that email is not a 100% secure the guaranteed. Email will not be used for advice, treatment, or any other form of intervention with you are acknowledging your understanding of these statements.
Email address:	
Would you like an email reminder of you	ar appointments? (Note: You can unsubscribe from the email at any time) Yes No
Emergency Contact:	Relationship to Client:
Address:	
	Is it okay to contact this person?
REASON FOR SEEKING PSYCH	OTHERAPY
What brought you here for treatment?	
How did you find out about me?	
•	
	usually get worse? Get better?
What do you hope to gain out of therapy	y? What changes do you hope to make?
EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT BAC	KGROUND
What is your occupation & place of emp	oloyment?

What is your current	employment status? (Ex: Are you	staying home raising children? Wo	orking part time? Working
full time? Have you	changed jobs recently? Are you a st	udent? Etc.)	
Are you content with	n your current employment?		
FAMILY HISTOR	ĽΥ		
Client's Mother's N	Vame:	Age	o
Employment Statu	s (Ex: Full-time, part-time, unen	nployed):	
Occupation:			
Client's Father's N	ame:	Age	e:
Highest Education	Completed:		
Occupation:			
	mbers who live in the home and the		
	orce in the family? If so, when? Wh		
MEDICAL HISTOI From Whom or Who	RY ere do you receive medical care? <i>(F</i>	Please include psychiatrists)	
Physician/Clinic Nan	me:	Phone:	
Physician/Clinic Nan	me:	Phone:	
Physician/Clinic Nat	me:	Phone:	
Are you taking any n	nedication? If so, please list name a	and dosage	
Name:	Dosage:	Name:	Dosage:
Name:	Dosage:	Name:	Dosage:
Past Major Illness/In	njuries/Operations?		
Any delays or diagno	osed developmental disabilities (ex.	talking, walking, potty training? If	so, please explain
Is there any family h	istory of serious medical problems?)	
MENTAL HEALTI Have you been in ps		st the therapist's name, contact in	formation, & description of therapy?

Have you or any family member strugg				T	
D	Client	Mother	Father	Sibling	Other
Depression, Sadness Anxiety/Excessive Worries					
Panic Attacks					
Obsessions &/or Compulsions Suicidal Thoughts					
Attempted Suicide					
Learning Disabilities					
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity					
Anger Problems					
Assertiveness Problems					
Oppositional/Defiant Behavior					
Schizophrenia or Psychosis					
Nervous Breakdown					
Heavy Alcohol Use					
Drug Use/Abuse					
Smoking/Tobacco Use					
Eating Disorder					
Physical or Sexual Abuse					

CONSENT FOR COMMUNICATION WITH PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

In an effort to coordinate the care of my clients with their providers in the community, as well as to fulfill insurance obligations, I am requesting your permission to inform your/your child's primary care physician about your/your child's participation in an assessment and/or treatment. At times, speaking with a primary care physician is helpful, especially concerning issues of medication, treatment follow-up, and psychological issues affecting your/your child's well-being. Moreover, as your/your child's primary care physician carries responsibility for your/your child's medical care, it is important the physician have access to information related to your/your child's health and treatment.

Client's Name	Date of Birth		
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION			
Name of Physician	Physician's Phone Number		
Physician's Address City, State, and Zip			
CONSENT			
☐ I,	, hereby give permission for the mutual exchange of pertinent information uding academic, social, medical, psychological, and/or psychiatric information		
☐ I,information with my/my child's primary care p	, hereby decline to give permission for the mutual exchange of pertinent hysician.		
completed treatment, whichever is sooner.	any time. This authorization is valid until I revoke it or 60 days after I had Once I revoke this authorization, no information can be released except on was explained to me and I signed it of my own free will.		
Signature	Date		
Printed Name	Relationship to Client		
Witness			

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Notice of Privacy Practices

In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability act (HIPAA), this notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can gain access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, & Health Care Operations

I may use or disclose your protected health information (PHI), for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes with your consent.

Clarification of terms:

- *PHI* refers to information in your health record that could identify you.
- *Treatment* is when I provide, coordinate or manage your health care and other services related to your health care. An example of treatment would be when I consult with another health care provider, such as your family physician or another therapist.
- *Payment* is when I obtain reimbursement for your healthcare. An example of payment is when I disclose your PHI to your health insurer to obtain reimbursement for your health care 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, and case management and care coordination.
- Use applies only to activities within my office such as sharing, employing, applying, utilizing, examining, and analyzing information that identifies you.
- *Disclosure* applies to activities outside of my office such as releasing, transferring, or providing access to information about you to other parties.

Uses & Disclosures Requiring Authorization

I may use or disclose PHI for purposes outside of treatment, payment, and health care operations when your appropriate authorization is obtained. An "authorization" is written permission above and beyond the general consent that permits only specific disclosures. In those instances when I am asked for information for purposes outside of treatment, payment and health care operations, I will obtain an authorization from you before releasing this information. I will also need to obtain an authorization before releasing your psychotherapy notes. "Psychotherapy notes" are notes I have made about treatment, and these notes are given a greater degree of protection than PHI. Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and disclosures of protected health information (PHI) for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI require client authorization.

You may revoke all such authorizations (of PHI or psychotherapy notes) at any time, provided each revocation is in writing. After that time, I will not use or disclose your information. However, I cannot rescind information previously disclosed with your permission. You may not revoke an authorization if it was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, and the law provides the insurer the right to contest the claim under the policy. If you no longer desire that I provide the insurance company/managed care company with any information, you will be responsible for payment of all fees.

Other uses and disclosures not described in the Privacy Notices will be made only with authorization from the individual.

Uses & Disclosures Not Requiring Authorization

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

- **Abuse:** If I have cause to believe that a child has been, or may be, abused, neglected, or sexually abused, I must make a report of such within 48 hours to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Texas Youth Commission, or to any local or state law enforcement agency. If I have cause to believe that an elderly or disabled person is in a state of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, I must immediately report such to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.
- Judicial or Administrative Proceedings: If you are involved in a court proceeding & a request is made for information about your diagnosis, treatment, and/or therapeutic records, such information is privileged under state law, I will not release information without written authorization from you, your personal or legally appointed representative, or a court order. If I receive a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process for information, PHI may have to be released. This would occur only after attempts to contact you about the request. If a complaint is filed against me with the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, they have the authority to subpoena confidential mental health information from me relevant to that complaint.

- Serious Threat to Health or Safety: If I determine that there is a probability of imminent physical injury by you to yourself or others, or there is a probability of immediate mental or emotional injury to you, I may disclose relevant confidential mental health information to medical or law enforcement personnel.
- Specific Government Functions: PHI of military personnel and veterans may be disclosed to government benefit programs relating eligibility and enrollment. PHI may also be disclosed to Workers Compensation and Disability programs, to correctional facilities if you are an inmate, and for nation security reasons.

Client Rights & Therapist's Duties

Client's Rights:

- Right to Request Restrictions –You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information about you. However, I am 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 me. Upon your request, I will send your bills to another address.)
- Right to Inspect and Copy You have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of your records. Access to your PHI may be limited or denied under certain circumstances, but in most cases you may have this decision reviewed. On your request, I will discuss with you the details of the request and denial process.
- Right to Amend You have the right to request in writing an amendment of PHI for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. The request must identify which information is incorrect and include an explanation of why you think it should be amended. If the request is denied, an explanation stating why will be provided to you. If your request is approved, I will make a reasonable effort to include the amended information in future disclosures. Amending a record does not mean that any portion of your health information will be deleted.
- Right to Restrict Information to Insurance Companies You have the right to restrict certain disclosures of PHI to health plans/insurance companies if you pay out of pocket in full for the health care service.
- Right to an Accounting You generally have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of PHI for which you have neither provided consent nor authorization. On your request, I will discuss with you the details of the accounting process.
- Right to be Notified Affected patients have the right to be notified following a breach of unsecured protected health information
- 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.

Therapist's Duties:

- I am required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide you with a notice of my legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI.
- I reserve the right to change the privacy policies and practices described in this notice. Unless I notify you of such changes, however, I am required to abide by the terms currently in effect.
- If I revise my policies and procedures, a new notice will be posted in the office, or you may obtain any new notice by telephone or written request.

Questions & Complaints

If you are concerned that I have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision I made about access to your records, you may contact this office by telephone or letter.

You may also send a written 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.

Effective Date, Restrictions, & Changes to Privacy Policy

This notice will go into effect on May 1, 2012.

I reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all PHI that I maintain. I will provide you with a revised notice by posting the change in the office or on my website. You may also obtain any new notice by contacting this office by telephone or written request.

You may contact me at: Dr. Paige Schultz, PhD, LPC-S, NCC

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the Notice of Privacy Practices, you are provided with information about how your/your child's personal and health information can be used or disclosed. As described in the Notice of Privacy Practices, we request your consent for use or disclosure of mental health and medical information to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. You have a right to review the Notice of Privacy Practices before signing this Consent form.

By signing this Consent form, you acknowledge that a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices has been provided to you.

You have the right to revoke this Consent in writing any time, except where we have already used or disclosed your health information in compliance with this Consent.

Client's Name (Printed)	
Client (Parent/Guardian) Signature	Date
Printed Name of Parent or Legal Representative	Relationship to Client
Witness Signature	Date