



**CONFIDENTIALITY**

The confidentiality of information in the client's chart, including the information that you provide, is protected by both federal and state law. It can only be released if the client specifically authorizes me to do so. There are some exceptions to this general rule:

- I must report to Social Services any knowledge or suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child or dependent adult.
- I am required by law to take action to protect you if you become an imminent danger to yourself. Action in this situation may include psychiatric hospitalization and/or notifying a loved one of your circumstances.
- By law, if you are a serious and imminent threat to another person, or threaten violence at a specific location, I have a duty to warn that person and/or notify the police or other appropriate authorities.
- If I am directed by a judge in a court of law to reveal information, I may comply.
- To protect public health, you or I may at some point become legally required to disclose that we have been in contact (for example, if either of us were to test positive for, or show signs of, COVID-19 infection). If I am legally compelled to disclose information, I will inform you and will only provide the minimum necessary information required by law (e.g., your name and the dates of our contact). I will not go into any details about the reason(s) for our contact.

You are expected to maintain the confidentiality of the client in your role as a collateral.

Thank you for accepting the invitation to assist in the identified client's treatment. By signing below you are indicating that you have read and understand this document.

**Signature** of collateral contact: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_