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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M - F – Other  
DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT - MARRIED - DIVORCED - WIDOW - OTHER EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: CELL \_\_\_\_\_ HOME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_  
IS IT OK TO CALL YOU AT THE NUMBERS ABOVE: YES - NO  
EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ IS IT OK TO EMAIL YOU AT THIS EMAIL? YES/NO  
Who referred you: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary care physician: \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the reason you are seeking treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSIBLE PARTY INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: M F OTHER  
MARRIED - DIVORCED - WIDOW - OTHER EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: CELL \_\_\_\_\_ HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
IS IT OK TO CALL YOU AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBERS? YES / NO ARE YOU EMPLOYED: YES / NO  
EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
IS IT OK TO EMAIL YOU AT THIS EMAIL: YES NO

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## PERMISSION TO TREAT

I UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS OF TREATMENT AND I AUTHORIZE STEVE HOERSTING, M.Ed. TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR:AND I AM LEGALLY ABLE TO DO SO. (sole custody or married joint custody)

\*SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE POLICY STATEMENT (please initial next to each statement)

### \_\_\_\_\_ APPOINTMENT PROTOCOLS

Therapy appointments are typically scheduled for 40-45 minutes. You and your therapist will arrange the frequency of appointments that best suits your needs. Your insurance company may only allow for a specific number and frequency of appointments (e.g., every two weeks) Should you wish to make a change in the frequency of appointments please discuss it with your therapist. You must notify the office of termination of services. For this reason, cancellations with less than 48 hours prior notice or missed appointments will be billed directly to you at \$85 per occurrence. Since insurance companies will not reimburse for lost time. Effective January 1, 2022 and due to increased demand for services in our office, if you do not show up for your first appointment without prior notice, you will NOT be rescheduled. If you are a current patient and do not show up twice for your appointment without prior notice, you will NOT be rescheduled and referred out to other sources in the area. We will provide appointment reminders (text message or call) 2 business days prior to your appointment unless you make a specific request to the contrary.

### \_\_\_\_\_ COVID-19 DISCLOSURE

To continue services in person, you agree to take certain precaution which will help keep everyone (you, me, our staff, and other patients) safer from exposure, sickness, and possible

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death. If you are feeling sick, you MUST cancel your appointment OR change your appointment to a virtual visit. You must follow CDC guidelines of social distancing, hand washing, and sanitizing within our office space. We reserve the right to refuse treatment to anyone who does not adhere to the safety protocols.

### INSURANCE COVERAGE

If you have health insurance, part of your expenses may be covered. Please call your insurance customer service by locating the customer service number located on the back of your insurance card prior to your appointment to verify services covered. We will submit Insurance claim forms for you. Effective June 1, 2017, we will no longer bill secondary Insurance companies. We will provide the documents necessary for the patient or guardian to file the secondary insurance if you wish to do so. Effective January 2020, we will no longer be accepting any insurance plans using a "third party administrator". This may include self-funded insurance plans and small business plans. Disclaimer: Insurance is billed as a courtesy. I am responsible for the cost of services if the insurance company denies payment, I am responsible for fees of services provided.

### NO SURPRISE ACT (NSA)

Beginning January 2022, we are required by state law to provide a good faith estimate for items and services for uninsured (out of network) and self-pay patients. Psychologists are ethically obligated to discuss fees with patients upfront. We will inform all uninsured and self-pay patients that a good faith estimate of expected charges is available in a written document that is clear, understandable and prominently displayed; orally provided when the service is scheduled or when the patient asks about the costs; and available in accessible formats for patients. We will provide a good faith estimate of expected charges for a scheduled or requested service. Disclaimer: There may be additional items or services recommended as part of the course of care that must be scheduled or requested separately and are not reflected in the good faith estimate. The information in the good faith estimate is only an estimate and the actual services, or charges may differ from the good faith estimate. You have the right to initiate a patient-provider dispute resolution process if the actual billed charges substantially exceed the expected charges included in the good faith estimate.

### TESTING

Please note that not all types of testing are covered by medical insurance. Educational testing; ie; Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia or non-verbal learning disorder are typically not considered medically necessary and therefore not considered eligible for reimbursement through your medical insurance plan. ADHD and ADD testing are both considered necessary and eligible under most plans. Out of pocket cost for learning disability testing will be discussed before any testing appointments are made.

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### PAYMENTS

Effective June 1, 2017, we will no longer split payments for patient visits. We have been experiencing increasing complications due to parental disputes regarding the costs associated with treatment. \* THE PARENT INITIATING TREATMENT AND BRINGING THE PATIENT IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF TREATMENT. we will no longer bill any other non-insurance entity;( ie other parent) It will be up to the parent bringing the patient to obtain reimbursement from the other parent.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES (please ask front desk for a copy or view the posted documents in the office lobby)

Overview: We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to offer you a written notice about our privacy practices and new terms of our notice effective for all health information we maintain.

### MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND INTEREST(S)

\*\* \$15 will be charged for patient requested forms (FMLA, Disability, School forms including IEP, ALP, and 504 plans, OHI etc).

\*\* \$25 will be charged for requested brief letters (including legal, physician or school letters).

\*\*We have a \$35 returned check fee. In addition, there will be 35% interest added to the balance of your bill if we are forced to send your account collections.

### UNDERSTANDING OF OFFICE POLICY STATEMENTS

I have read the above office policy statements including information regarding appointment protocol, billing, insurance coverage and payments, miscellaneous fees, COVID 19 disclosures and notice of privacy practices and understand the contents. (If you have not received a copy, please ask for one)

\*SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **NO SURPRISE ACT 2022**

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Disclaimer: There may be additional items or services recommended as part of the course of care that must be scheduled or requested separately and are not reflected in the good faith estimate. The information in the good faith estimate is only an estimate and the actual services, or charges may differ from the good faith estimate. You have the right to initiate a patient-provider dispute resolution process if the actual billed charges substantially exceed the expected charges included in the good faith estimate. The initiation of a patient-provider dispute resolution will not adversely affect the quality of health care services furnished to the patient-The good faith estimate is not a contract and does not require the uninsured or self-pay individual to obtain the services from our office in the estimate. The Good Faith Estimate shows the costs of items and services that are reasonably expected for your health care needs for a service. The estimate is based on information known at the time the estimate was created. The Good Faith estimate does not include any unknown or unexpected costs that may arise during treatment. You could be charged more if complications or special circumstances occur. If this happens, federal law allows you to dispute (appeal) the bill. If you are billed for more than this Good Faith estimate, you have a right to dispute the bill. You may contact the health care provider or facility listed to let them know the billed charges are higher than the Good Faith Estimate. You can ask them to update the bill to match the Good Faith Estimate, ask to negotiate the bill, or ask if there is financial

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assistance available. You may also start a dispute resolution process with the US department of Health and Human Services (HHS) If you choose to use the dispute resolution process, you must start the dispute process within 120 calendar days (about 4 months) of the date on the original bill. There is a \$25 fee to use the dispute process. If the agency reviewing your dispute agrees with you, you will have to pay the price on this Good Faith estimate. If the agency disagrees with you and agrees with the health care provider or facility, you will have to pay the higher amount. To learn more and get a form to start the process, go to [www.cms.gov/nosurprises](http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises) or call them. Keep a copy of your Good Faith Estimate in a safe place or take pictures of it. You may need it if you are billed a higher amount.