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## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES PROFESSIONAL RECORDS

The laws and standards of my profession require that I keep treatment records. You should be aware that, pursuant to HIPAA, I keep protected health information (PHI) in your clinical record. This record includes your diagnosis, treatment and progress, any past records that I receive from other providers, reports of professional consultations, your billing records, and any reports that have been sent to anyone, including reports to your insurance carrier. This record also includes psychotherapy notes I have made regarding our conversations. Because these are professional records, they can be misinterpreted and/or upsetting to untrained readers. HIPAA does not provide clients the right of access to separately maintained psychotherapy notes. If you wish to see your records, I recommend that you let me know, and I can determine the extent to which we can discuss the contents. You may examine and/or receive a copy of your clinical record if you request it in writing unlesss I believe that the access requested is reasonably likely to endanger the life or physical safety of you or another person or if the information is contained in separately maintained psychotherapy notes. In those situations, you may have a right to a summary and to have your record sent to another mental health provider or your attorney.

## **CLIENT RIGHTS**

HIPAA provides you with several expanded rights with regard to your clinical record and disclosures of protected information. These rights include: requesting that I amend your record; requesting restrictions on what information from your clinical record is disclosed to others; requesting an accounting of most disclosure or protected health information that you have neither consented to nor authorized; determining the location to which protected information disclosures were sent; having any complaints you make about my policies and procedures recorded in your records; and a right to a paper copy of this overview and other consent forms for treatment.