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Notice of Privacy Practices

The State of California has confidentiality laws to ensure your right to privacy. In most cases everything you share with me will remain private, between you and me. Sometimes it is helpful for me to speak with other persons about something in particular that you have shared with me so that I can better assist you. For example, I may wish to speak with an extended family member, employer, physician, etc. who could provide new or different information in order to facilitate your therapy. Or, I may wish to speak to your child's teacher about classroom behavior and possible ways to help the child at school. Should something like this occur, I will always obtain your written permission first.

In other cases, the State of California mandates that I give local authorities information about your situation if, during the course of therapy, it becomes clear that you are a potential danger to yourself or others. Should this happen I would prefer first that you and I discuss such concerns and then proceed together in following through with the state requirements. This does not have to be something that would get in the way of our continuing to work with each other.

If you have any questions, please ask them. Then sign and date below to verify that you have read and understood this information on confidentiality.

Thank you.

Signature

Date

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