

## Client Information Form

### Personal Information

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Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Education Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Demographic Information

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Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Text:  Yes  No

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Emergency Contact Information

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Contact Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Primary Care Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Permission to Consult with Primary Care Provider if necessary:  Yes  No

### Medication List

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List Any Medications you are currently taking. Please include prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, and recreational drugs. Include dosage, how often you take it, and reason.

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_ How Often: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Previous Psychological History

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Have you had previous psychological care or counseling?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the name of the clinician(s), the months you saw them (i.e. Nov '06 – Nov '07), and give the nature of the care provided or difficulty at the time:

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Have you ever been hospitalized for a psychological difficulty?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the place of hospitalization, the dates you were there (i.e. Nov '06 – Nov '07), and the nature of the care or difficulty being treated at the time:

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### Current Concerns

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In your own words, please share the nature of your concerns you wish to address in therapy with me:

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Any Additional Information or concerns you would like to share:

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### Referral Source (Optional)

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How did you hear about Iris Psychological Services?

- Referred by Another Therapist  
 Referred by a Friend or Family Member  
 Google Search  
 Professional Website  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE/EXCHANGE INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Dr. Lisa Hensley, Ph.D. (hereinafter “Provider”) to disclose/exchange mental health treatment information and records obtained in the course of psychotherapy treatment, including, but not limited to therapist’s diagnosis, of the client listed above to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

I am requesting this disclosure of information and records for the following purpose:

- At the request of the individual                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The specific uses and limitations of the types of health information to be released are as follows:

(Check all that apply)

- Treatment Coordination                       Diagnostic Refinement  
 Treatment Planning                               Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Such disclosures shall be limited to the following specific types of information:

- Psychiatric diagnosis(es)                       Initial Treatment Plan  
 Dates of Treatment                               Full Treatment Record  
 Treatment Summary                               Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization shall remain valid until: \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed one year)

I understand that I have a right to receive a copy of this authorization. I understand that any cancellation or modification of this authorization must be in writing. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time unless Provider has acted in reliance upon it. I also understand that such revocation must be in writing and received by Provider to be effective.

Provider shall not condition treatment upon my signing this authorization and I have the right to refuse to sign this form. I understand that information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by the HIPAA Privacy Rule, although applicable Texas law may protect such information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Legal Guardian, Relationship to Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Informed Consent and Office Policies For Adult Individual Therapy Clients

### Agreement for Psychotherapy

This document provides information about the psychotherapy process and the business policies for Dr. Lisa Hensley. Please take the time to read it carefully and ask about any items that seem unclear. By signing this form, you indicate that you agree to and understand the psychotherapy process and business policies between you and Dr. Hensley.

### Potential Benefits and Risks of Psychotherapy

Psychotherapy can have benefits and risks for you. As with most other forms of treatments, results cannot be guaranteed.

Participation in therapy may result in a number of benefits including (1) increased insight into patterns of feeling, thinking, behaving, and relating to others; (2) resolution or improvement of symptoms that brought the client into therapy; and (3) skills that may help with current and future life challenges. Consistent attendance in therapy, openness on the part of the therapy client, and work both in and outside of therapy sessions are often necessary for improvement.

During the process, you may experience painful thoughts or emotions (e.g. anger, hurt, frustration, or confusion). Sometimes the insights and skills that the client develops may enhance relationships and other areas of client's life. Sometimes those insights and skills may cause changes in relationships or other areas of the client's life that were unanticipated. It is important for the client to talk about reactions to therapy when they come up, so we can decide how to proceed.

### How Therapy with Dr. Hensley Works

Your first session/s will involve an evaluation of your needs. While evaluation is ongoing, the initial phase of evaluation will result in a discussion of your therapy goals and recommendations about how you might reach those goals. You and I will work together to reach a shared understanding of where your problems come from and what factors in your life contribute to keeping those problems in place. This information guides how you will move forward in resolving them. Should either of us determine that the type of treatment I can offer, or the mode of treatment (online) is not a good fit for you, or even if we find that I am not a good fit, I will share recommendations for the right type of treatment and provider.

While the specific methods of therapy will come from our assessment, it may be helpful for you to understand the general process. Initially, our work will be about getting to know and understand you, together. I make this as comfortable as possible by listening carefully, reflecting back what I hear so that you can let me know if I'm really "getting" you, and collaborating with you to form connections between your experiences with your feelings with your thoughts and your impulses or behaviors.

We will look at your current life, your early life, and even your “life” in the therapy room with me to see if we can find themes that exist in all three areas. When we discover those kinds of thematic issues, it helps us to know that we are working on a “core” issue. Core issues can initially feel harder to work on and can bring up more pain, but ultimately can provide longer term relief. We will also do things to bring immediate relief to areas of suffering. For example, if you struggle with sleep or anger or anxiety, we will assess it deeply and then practice strategies to overcome it.

If you have unanswered questions about any of the procedures used in the course of your therapy, their possible risks, the clinician’s expertise in employing them, or about the treatment plan, please ask and you will be answered fully. You also have the right to ask about other treatments for your condition and their risks and benefits.

Therapy may also involve recommendations or referrals to additional services that support your wellness (e.g. psychiatrist, neuropsychologist, physician). In some cases, these treatments are so vital and central to your recovery that your clinician is unable to ethically continue providing therapy without your concurrent treatment with these providers. Failing to follow these recommendations may result in impaired treatment progress, suicidal thoughts, or actions, deteriorating medical condition, termination of treatment with this clinician or even death. Most often, however, these are recommendations not requirements.

### **Location of Services**

I am currently offering services by teletherapy only. Online therapy allows me to provide services to a broader geographic range of clients than in person services. I am a licensed psychologist in Texas (#36730) and may only provide services to clients within the state of Texas. Should I decide to offer in-person relationship therapy services later, I will inform you so that you may choose the location of services that meets your needs.

### **Technology How To**

Most clients “opt-in” to receive invitations to sessions via email and/or text. You will receive a reminder with a link to log in to the waiting room at our appointment time. I encourage clients to do a test log in prior to our appointment to make sure that everything is working well on their side. You can check that your microphone, speakers, and video are working. It takes a few seconds after you log into the waiting room for us to show up on each other’s screens. That is normal. If it seems to be taking an inordinate amount of time, feel free to text, email, or call me so that we can troubleshoot together.

Please be sure to **EXIT** out of any programs that steal bandwidth prior to our sessions. **QUIT** (do not just minimize) skype, carbonite, google drive back up, or any other cloud backup service. Please ensure that no one in your home is streaming video or playing graphic heavy online video games as this will decrease the speed of our internet connection.

Technology issues are rare and usually quite easy to solve. Turning things off and back on again typically fixes most issues. If technical issues prevent us from continuing with the session via video conference, we will switch to the telephone for the remainder of that session and attempt to resolve the technical issues for the next session.

### **Additional Tips for Online Therapy**

- If others will be nearby while you are in therapy, ensure that you have adequate privacy prior to session. Psychotherapy is serious work. You do not want to be interrupted.
- Turn off notifications on your computer and phone once we are connected.
- Bring tissues. If you were in my office, I would provide them for you.
- You may be extra cozy because you are somewhere familiar to you and you may feel more casual because the work is online, and you are used to socializing that way. Remind yourself prior to the session that you are here to do the meaningful work of positive change.
- Research says that the connection between therapist and client is the primary determinant of therapeutic change. I want to make sure that we connect well over video so in our first session, I will share some tricks to make sure that we can look at each other, rather than the camera, when we talk. If it looks off to you, please let me know. Eye contact matters.

### **Emergency and Crisis Support**

I am not able to provide 24-hour crisis services. I will make every effort to return calls within 24 hours. However, if a life-threatening crisis should occur, contact a crisis hotline, **call 911**, or go to a hospital emergency room. Please contact me after you have taken steps to keep yourself safe. If it is likely that you may need crisis support, let us discuss this so that I can be sure you have the level of care you need.

### **Strengths and Limitations of Online Psychotherapy**

Telephone, chat, and video sessions have some advantages over in-person psychotherapy. Many of my clients share with me that it is more convenient (no commute) and more comfortable (in their own space). Some clients share that they feel more able to share “deep” things because it is online rather than in person.

Online therapy is not for everyone. If a client has a poor internet connection, a lack of privacy, or otherwise would simply be more comfortable meeting in person, it is better to connect them with a provider who offers that service. It is important to consider whether this applies to you and may impact your therapeutic progress and select an in-person provider. In some clinical situations, such as crises or suicidal or homicidal thoughts, in-person treatment may be the most appropriate treatment choice.

## Confidentiality

Information shared by a client during therapy sessions is confidential. This means I do not share your information with anyone except where legally or ethically bound to do so. Those circumstances are as follows:

- I am required to report suspicion of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment
- I am required to report suspicion of elder/vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- I will share important and relevant information to protect a person to whom you appear to be an imminent and/or immediate physical threat, including notifying the individual in question as well as law enforcement.
- I will share important and relevant information to protect you from imminent or immediate and/or immediate physical threat to yourself
- I may be required by court order to disclose treatment information.

Additionally, communication with me via any online or electronic means (e.g. email, text, video chat) is limited in security and thus your confidentiality may not be guaranteed. Please consider the limits of confidentiality in electronic communications outlined in more detail later.

In the event of an injury, illness, or other emergency that results in my becoming unavailable, your basic contact information (name and contact numbers or email) may be provided to a fellow clinician or associated professional. This will allow for timely notification of appointment cancellations, as well as provide you with an opportunity to obtain further information regarding your continued care.

Considering all the above exclusions, if it is still appropriate, upon your request, I will release information to any agency/person you specify unless I conclude that releasing such information might be harmful in any way.

## Confidentiality and Social Interactions

Should we run into each other socially in person or online, I will never acknowledge working therapeutically with you. To protect our relationship, I cannot accept invitations to social events or social media requests. While you are welcome to visit my YouTube channel, professional social media pages, or website, I would discourage you from leaving messages there or “following/subscribing” to protect your privacy and anonymity.



**Confidentiality Policy in Emergencies**

In case of a medical or psychological emergency, I need to know your location so that I am able to get help to you. Please share the location from which you will be conducting our sessions.

Legal Name of Client Receiving Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name of Client Receiving Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Location of Client Receiving Services:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please sign below to indicate that **you agree to share the client's location with me** at the beginning of session should it be different from the one listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Confidentiality of Email, Chat, Cell Phone, Video, and Fax Communication**

I use secure and encrypted video software for our sessions.

I use secure email, phone, and faxing systems. However, I want you to be aware that if you do not also use secure/encrypted programs on your side of the communication, the communications may not be secure. As a result, I start at a place of sharing as little as possible via these channels and will adapt to your comfort, with documentation, as we proceed. Security laws state that clients have the freedom to request or opt-in to less secure means of communication if they are aware of the risks, comfortable with them, and find it clinically helpful to do so.

I also want to acknowledge that while I regularly check in on the security of all of our ways of communicating, swift advances in technology preclude my ability to be certain of our security. Just as I cannot guarantee a physical office space is not broken into, I also cannot guarantee the absolute security of our work online.

Please ensure that you too are doing your utmost to protect your privacy by considering who has access to your email, text messages, and so on before choosing online therapy. For example, I would discourage you from using your work email for our communications. Another way to protect your privacy is to be sure to fully exit all online counseling sessions and emails before leaving your computer.

**Contacting Your Clinician**

I answer calls, texts, and emails as quickly as possible, but I am often not immediately available. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. If you are ever experiencing a life-threatening or harm-producing emergency, please call “911” or go to your nearest emergency room, and please contact me after you do this to keep yourself safe.

**Consultation:**

I consult regularly with other professionals regarding my clients to provide the best care possible; however, the client’s name or other identifying information is never disclosed. The clients’ identity remains completely anonymous and confidentiality is fully maintained.

**Rates, Billing, and Payments**

We have discussed and agreed upon the following rates:

50-minute Psychotherapy Sessions	\$150.00
75-minute Psychotherapy Sessions	\$200.00

Fees are due at the time of session unless we have made an agreement to the contrary. Ongoing psychotherapy typically occurs weekly for 50 minutes a session on a time and day agreed upon. Once the appointment is scheduled, you will be expected to pay for it unless you provide at least 24 hours notice.

If you do not keep your account current, I may elect to refer your outstanding balance for collection to an outside collection agent and/or agency. If your account will be referred to an outside collection agency, the cost of that service will be added to your bill.

**Other professional fees**

The session charge of \$150.00 will be used to calculate other professional services you may need and will be broken down into 15-minute increments when services are provided for periods of time outside of those detailed above.

**Other professional services include:**

- Report or letter writing to physicians, psychiatrists, etc.
- Telephone calls that last greater than 15 minutes
- Extended sessions
- Participation at meetings or phone consultations with other professionals (that you have authorized)
- Record or treatment summary preparation.

As stated previously, if you become involved in legal proceedings that require my assistance, you will be expected to pay for my qualified time, including planning and transportation costs. Due to the complicated nature and difficulty of legal involvement, the fee is \$300 per hour.

Please take note of your agreement to avoid involving your clinician in legal proceedings (below).

**Methods of Communication**

Given the limitations of security for electronic communication, I would like to know which of the following you are comfortable with. Please initial next to each method that you are comfortable using for administrative purposes like scheduling, invoicing, and collecting paperwork if not submitted through my client portal.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to allow Dr. Lisa Hensley to contact me in the following ways for administrative purposes:

Email       Cell Phone       Text via Cell Phone  
 Voicemail via Cell Phone       FAX

Please list your preferred email and phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_ Email  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number

Be aware that basic demographic details like your name, email, and location are considered Protected Health Information (PHI) as is anything clinical in nature like your diagnosis or clinical material. Please initial next to each item you consent to.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to allow Dr. Lisa Hensley to use unsecured email, cell/VoIP phone text messaging, calls, faxes, or voicemail to transmit to me the following protected health information:

- Information related to the scheduling of meetings or other appointments
- Information related to billing and payment
- Information that is clinical in nature (e.g. treatment summaries, diagnosis)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been informed of the risks, including but not limited to my confidentiality in treatment, of transmitting my protected health information by unsecured means. I understand that I am not required to sign this agreement in order to receive treatment. I also understand that I may terminate this consent at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

We will discuss the options you opted into in our meeting including the clinical utility of communicating in any of the ways mentioned above to decide together if we want to include them in your treatment. Should we decide to share more than basic administrative materials electronically, we need to discuss it first in session so that we can weigh the pros and cons. The delivery of any electronic communication can be intercepted, misdirected, or delayed. Decisions about this should be thoughtful, collaborative, and mutually acceptable.

**Discharged from Care**

Psychotherapy is typically terminated when it becomes reasonably clear that the client no longer needs care. So that you can process the termination of the therapeutic relationship, a final appointment is helpful when ending therapy. This final appointment can be used to review your therapeutic growth, to plan next steps, and to process the termination of therapy.

If you do not show up to your appointment, and/or do not return calls or emails, it will be assumed that you are wanting to discontinue your therapeutic work and you will be discharged from care.

Both the therapist and the client have the right to end counseling at any time.

**Litigation Limitation**

Due to the nature of the therapeutic process and the fact that it often involves making a full disclosure with regard to many matters which may be of a confidential nature, it is agreed that should there be legal proceedings (such as, but not limited to divorce and custody disputes, injuries, lawsuits, etc.) **neither you (client) nor your attorney, nor anyone else acting on your behalf will call on me to testify in court or at any other proceeding, nor will a disclosure of the therapy records be requested.**

**Mediation and Arbitration**

All disputes arising out of or in relation to this agreement to provide psychotherapy services shall first be referred to mediation, before and as a pre-condition of, the initiation of arbitration. The mediator shall be a neutral third party chosen by agreement of you (the client) and I. The cost of such mediation, if any, shall be split equally, unless otherwise agreed. The prevailing party in arbitration or collection proceedings shall be entitled to recover a reasonable sum for attorney's fees. In the case or arbitration, the arbitrator will determine that sum.

**Agreement**

By signing below, you acknowledge you have read the preceding information, understand your rights as a client, and agree to psychotherapy services under these conditions. Additionally, your signature below indicates that you understand that I, Dr. Lisa Hensley, am an independent practitioner; therefore, the providers I contract with (e.g. my video software, my billing software, etc.) are not responsible for or involved in your care or treatment.

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Signature of Client

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Date

Please sign and date to signify that you have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices included with this paperwork by law:

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Signature of Client

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Date

**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**  
**Effective October 1, 2020**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED, DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. **PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

*For more information about this notice, please contact Dr. Lisa Hensley, PH.D. at [drhensley@irispsychologicalservices.com](mailto:drhensley@irispsychologicalservices.com) or (682) 438 -5195*

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This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how I may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. This Notice of Privacy Practices is **NOT** an authorization.

It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. “Protected health information” or “PHI” is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health, or related mental health care services.

I am required to abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices. Upon your request, I will provide you with any revised Notice of Privacy Practices. Copies of this Notice are available from me by utilizing the contact information listed above.

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**I. I HAVE A LEGAL DUTY TO SAFEGUARD YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)**

I am legally required to protect the privacy of your PHI, which includes information that can be used to identify you which I have created or received about your past, present, or future health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment of the health care. I must provide you with this Notice about my privacy practices and such a notice must explain how, when, and why I will “use” and “disclose” your PHI.

A “use” of PHI occurs when I share, examine, give, or otherwise divulge to a third party outside of my practice. With some exceptions, I may not use or disclose any more of your PHI than is necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the use or disclosure is made. I am legally required to follow the privacy practices described in this Notice; however, I reserve the right to change the terms of the Notice and my privacy policies at any time in accordance with HIPAA compliance and laws. Any changes will apply to PHI on file with me already.

**II. HOW I MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR PHI**

I will use and disclose your PHI for many different reasons. I will need your prior written authorization for some of these uses or disclosures; for others, however, I do not. Listed below are the different categories of my uses and disclosures along with some examples of each category.

A. **Uses and Disclosures Relating to Treatment, Payment or Health Care Operations**

**Do Not Require Your Prior Written Consent.** I can use and disclose your PHI without your consent ONLY for the following reasons:

- i. **For Treatment.** I can use your PHI within my practice to provide you with mental health treatment including discussing or sharing your PHI with my trainees and interns. I can disclose your PHI to physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other licensed health care providers who provide you with health care services or are involved in your case. For example, if a psychiatrist is treating you, I can disclose your PHI to your psychiatrist to coordinate your care.
- ii. **To Obtain Payment for Treatment.** I can use your PHI to bill and collect payment for the treatment and services provided by me to you. For example, I might send your PHI to your insurance company or health plan to get paid for the health care services provided to you. I may also provide your PHI to my business associates, such as billing companies, claims processing companies, and others that process my health care claims.
- iii. **For Health Care Operations.** I can use and disclose your PHI to operate my practice. For example, I might use your PHI to evaluate the quality of health care services that you received or to evaluate the performance of the health care professionals who have provided such services to you. I may also provide your PHI to my accountant, attorney, consultants, or others to further my health care operations.
- iv. **For Patient Incapacitation or Emergency.** I may also disclose your PHI to others without your consent if you are incapacitated or if an emergency exists. For example, your consent is not required if you need emergency treatment as long as I try to get your consent after treatment is rendered; or, if I try to get your consent but you are unable to communicate with me (for example, if you are unconscious or in severe pain) and I think that you would consent to such treatment if you were able to do so.

B. **Certain Other Uses and Disclosures Also Do Not Require Your Consent or**

**Authorization.** I can use and disclose your PHI without your consent or authorization for the following reasons:

- i. **When federal, state, or local laws require disclosure.** For example, I may have to make a disclosure to applicable governmental officials when a law requires me to report information to governmental agencies and law enforcement personnel about victims of abuse or neglect.

- ii. **When judicial or administrative proceedings require disclosure.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI in response to a court or administrative order if you are involved in a lawsuit or claim for workers' compensation benefits. I may also have to use or disclose your PHI in response to a subpoena.
  - iii. **When law enforcement requires disclosure.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI in response to a search warrant.
  - iv. **When public health activities require disclosure.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI to report to a governmental official an adverse reaction that you may have to a medication.
  - v. **When health oversight activities require disclosure.** For example, I may have to provide information to assist the government in conducting an investigation or inspection of a health care provider or organization.
  - vi. **To avert a serious threat to health or safety.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI to avert a serious threat to the health or safety of others. Any such disclosures will only be made to someone able to prevent the threatening harm from occurring.
  - vii. **For specialized government functions.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI for national security purposes, including protecting the President of the United States or conducting intelligence operations, if you are in the military.
  - viii. **To remind you about appointments and to inform you of health-related benefits or services.** For example, I may have to use or disclose your PHI to remind you about your appointments or to give you information about treatment alternatives, other health care services, or other health care benefits that I offer that may be of interest to you.
- C. **Certain Uses and Disclosures Require You to Have the Opportunity to Object.** Disclosures to family, friends, or others: I may provide your PHI to a family member, friend, or other person that you indicate that is involved in your care or the payment for your health care unless you object in whole or in part. The opportunity to consent may be obtained retroactively in an emergency.
- D. **Other Uses and Disclosures Require Your Prior Written Authorization.** In any situation not described in sections III A, B, and C, above, I will need your written authorization before using or disclosing any of your PHI. If you choose to sign an authorization to disclose your PHI, you can later revoke such authorization in writing to stop any future uses and disclosures (to the extent that I have not taken any action in reliance on such authorization) of your PHI by me.

**III. WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE REGARDING YOUR PHI**

You have the following rights with respect to your PHI:

- A. **The Right to Request Restrictions on My Uses and Disclosures.** You have the right to request restrictions or limitations on my uses or disclosures of your PHI to carry out my treatment, payment, or health care operations. You also have the right to request that I restrict or limit disclosures of your PHI to family members, friends, or others involved in your care or who are financially responsible for your care. Please submit such requests to me in writing. I will consider your requests but am not legally required to accept them. If I do accept your requests, I will put them in writing and will abide by them except in emergency situations. Be advised that you may not limit the uses and disclosures that I am legally required to make.
- B. **The Right to Choose How I Send PHI to You.** You have the right to request that I send confidential information to you at an alternate address (for example, sending information to your work address rather than your home address) or by alternate means (for example, e-mail instead of regular mail). I must agree to your request so long as it is reasonable and you specify how or where you wish to be contacted, and when appropriate, you provide me with information as to how payment for such alternate communications will be handled. I may not require an explanation from you as to the basis of your request as a condition of providing communications on a confidential basis.
- C. **The Right to Inspect and Receive a Copy of Your PHI.** In most cases, you have the right to inspect and receive a copy of the PHI that I have on you, but you must make the request to inspect and receive a copy of such information in writing. If I do not have your PHI but I know who does, I will tell you how to get it. I will respond to your request within 30 days of receiving your written request. In certain situations, I may deny your request. If I do, I will tell you, in writing, my reasons for the denial and explain your right to have my denial reviewed.
- D. **The Right to Receive a List of the Disclosures I Have Made.** You have the right to receive an Accounting of Disclosure listing the instances in which I have disclosed your PHI. The list will not include disclosures made for my treatment, payment, or health care operations; disclosures made to you; disclosures you authorized; disclosures incident to a use; disclosures permitted or required by the federal privacy rule; disclosures made for national security or intelligence; disclosures made to correctional institutions or law enforcement personnel; and, disclosures made before April 14, 2003. I will respond to your request for an Accounting of Disclosure within 60 days of receiving such request. The list I will give you will include disclosures made in the last six years unless you request a shorter time. The list will include the date the disclosure was made, to whom the PHI was disclosed (including their address, if known), a description of the information disclosed, and the reason for the disclosure. I will provide the list to you at no charge, but if you make more than one request in the same year, I may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for each additional request.



- E. **The Right to Amend Your PHI.** If you believe that there is a mistake in your PHI or that a piece of important information is missing, you have the right to request that I correct the existing information or add the missing information. You must provide, in writing, the request and your reason for the request. I will respond within 60 days of receiving your request to correct or update your PHI. I may deny your request in writing if the PHI is (i) correct and complete, (ii) not created by me, (iii) not allowed to be disclosed, or (iv) not part of my records. My written denial will state the reasons for the denial and explain your right to file a written statement of disagreement with the denial. If you do not file one, you have the right to request that your request and my denial be attached to all future disclosures of your PHI. If I approve your request to amend your PHI, I will make the changes, tell you that I have done it, and tell others that need to know about the change to your PHI.
- F. **The Right to Receive a Paper Copy of This Notice.** You have the right to receive a paper copy of this notice even if you have agreed to receive it via e-mail.

**IV. HOW TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY PRIVACY PRACTICES**

If you think that I may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision I have made about access to your PHI, you may file a complaint with the person listed in Section VI below. You may also send a written complaint to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services at 200 Independence Avenue S. W., Washington D. C. 20201. I will not take retaliatory action against you if you file a complaint about my privacy practices.

- V. **PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE OR TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY PRIVACY PRACTICES:** Dr. Lisa Hensley, Ph.D . at [drhensley@irispsychologicalservices.com](mailto:drhensley@irispsychologicalservices.com) or (682) 438 -5195

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT: NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that by signing below I have read and understand Iris Psychological Services Notice of Privacy Practices as outlined above. I understand I have the right to ask questioned about this notice and to request a copy of the notice at any time. I also acknowledge, I have the right to refuse to sign this acknowledgement and for that refusal to be documented as part of my file.

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 PRINT Legal Name of Client

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 Date

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 Signature of Client

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 Date

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 Signature of Legal Guardian if Client is an Adolescent

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 Date