



AB Counseling, Inc.

CONSENT FOR TELEHEALTH CONSULTATION

1. I understand that my health care provider wishes me to engage in a telehealth consultation.
2. My health care provider explained to me how the video conferencing technology that will be used to affect such a consultation will not be the same as a direct client/health care provider visit due to the fact that I will not be in the same room as my provider.
3. I understand that a telehealth consultation has potential benefits including easier access to care and the convenience of meeting from a location of my choosing.
4. I understand there are potential risks to this technology, including interruptions, unauthorized access, and technical difficulties. I understand that my health care provider or I can discontinue the telehealth consult/visit if it is felt that the videoconferencing connections are not adequate for the situation.
5. I have had a direct conversation with my provider, during which I had the opportunity to ask questions in regard to this procedure. My questions have been answered and the risks, benefits and any practical alternatives have been discussed with me in a language in which I understand.
6. I have been explained the Privacy Practices and potential risk and benefits of using a virtual platform for mental health counseling services.

CONSENT TO USE THE TELEHEALTH BY AB COUNSELING, Inc.

Telehealth will be provided via, HIPAA compliant zoom, Google Meet, Doxy.me, or Google Voice Services, and will be used to conduct telehealth videoconferencing appointments. It is simple to use and there are no passwords required to log in. By signing this document, I acknowledge:

1. Telehealth is NOT an Emergency Service and in the event of an emergency, I will use a phone to call 911, 988, or go to my nearest emergency room.
2. Though my provider and I may be in direct, virtual contact through the Telehealth Service, neither AB Counseling, Inc. nor the Telehealth Service provides any medical or healthcare services or advice including, but not limited to, emergency or urgent medical services.
3. Telehealth by AB Counseling, Inc facilitates videoconferencing and phone calls and is not responsible for the delivery of any healthcare, medical advice or care.
4. I do not assume that my provider has access to any or all of the technical information for the Telehealth Service Platform used by AB Counseling, Inc – or that such information is current, accurate or up to date. I will not rely on my health care provider to have any of this information about the Telehealth service platforms being used.

5. To maintain confidentiality, I will not share my telehealth appointment link with anyone unauthorized to attend the appointment.

By signing this form, I certify:

- That I have read or had this form read and/or had this form explained to me.
- That I fully understand its contents including the risks and benefits of the procedure(s).
- That I have been given ample opportunity to ask questions and that any questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AM AGREEING THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

Client Name: _____

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____