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I, _____, agree to communicate with Meredith Hickory, Psy.D., PLLC, regarding my care and/or that of my child(ren), _____, via e-mail.

Dr. Hickory has informed me that she will take several precautions to guard the privacy and security of personal health-related information, consistent with federal HIPAA standards. These precautions include:

- Use of an electronic signature verification to ensure that communications are, in fact, sent by Dr. Hickory.
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Date