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INTAKE FORM (Bring with you to scheduled appointment)

PATIENT INFORMATION Date of Birth _____ Age: _____
 Patient's Name _____ Sex: M F
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
 Referring Physician _____ Primary Physician _____ Referred to this office by _____

If patient is a minor, PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:

Biological Father's Name _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Biological Mother's Name _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Legal Guardian Name _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____
 Relationship to Patient: _____ Guardian SS#: _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Primary Insurance _____ Employer: _____
 Subscriber ID # _____ Group # _____ Co-pay Amount: _____
 Subscriber SS#: _____ Subscriber's's DOB: _____
 Subscriber's Name _____

Secondary Insurance _____ Employer: _____
 Subscriber ID # _____ Group # _____ Co-pay Amount: _____
 Subscriber SS#: _____ Subscriber's's DOB: _____
 Subscriber's Name _____

Psychologist Use Only: Diagnosis _____ (Numerical Codes only)

Guarantor, Insured, or Authorized Person's Signature:
 I authorize payment of the medical benefits to Osika & Scarano Psychological Services, PC and understand that I am responsible for all balances not covered by my insurance company, such as co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles and non-coverage of benefits. I understand that my co-payment is due at the time of service and if this account becomes delinquent, it may be turned over to a collection agency and the fact that I received treatment in this office will become public record. I understand that there is a \$50.00 no show charge if I do not cancel appointments 24 hours in advance. If I do not pay my co-pay at the time of my service date a \$10 late fee will be charged. On any balance 6 months overdue, 18% APR and a \$50 collection fee will be added.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Authorization for Treatment of a Minor

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the minor child _____, D.O.B.: _____, and that

I have the authority to give consent for his/her mental health treatment. I request and permit that said child shall receive treatment at the above agency and I therefore accept financial responsibility. If there is a change in this consent I must give 30 days' written notice.

I also understand that if I have SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY of the child/patient, I need to provide this office with proof of such a custody arrangement within 14 days of first being seen.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

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**STATUS OF LEGAL
CUSTODY**

If the patient to be seen is under the age of 18, please complete the following. If the patient to be seen is over the age of 18, you are finished completing this packet.

Are the patient's biological or birth parents unmarried, or divorced, or in the process of a divorce? YES NO

If you answered "no," go to the next page.

Do you have JOINT LEGAL or SOLE LEGAL custody of the child? YES NO

In the case of children with custodial and non-custodial parents, it is **SOMETIMES** in the child's best interest to notify **EACH** parent that the child is being brought to treatment. This holds true because during the course of treatment, 1) the other non-custodial parent may want to offer information that would otherwise not be received if left out of treatment, 2) the child or yourself may want to address issues with the other non-custodial parent so that they can act more in the child's best interest, or 3) the therapist may want to address issues with the non-custodial parent so that they can act more in the child's best interest. What follows is a form letter that we prefer (but do not have to) send to non-custodial parents. Please note that only this form letter will be sent, which is free of personal and sensitive material. In cases of sole legal custody, you have the right not to consent (to contacting the other biological parent). For parents with joint legal custody no release of information is needed to consult with the other biological parent who has joint legal custody.

Dear _____:

Your child, _____, was recently seen at my office for an intake appointment to begin mental health treatment. As a standard part of treatment, and because it is your right to know, I prefer to involve both parents, despite the fact that the child's other biological parent made the first appointment. Please call 745-0079 to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Your involvement in your child's treatment is highly recommended, and can only help. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Gina Scarano-Osika, Ph.D. and Thomas Osika, Ph.D.

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**CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO
NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT WITHOUT JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY**

(to be signed by the custodial parent ONLY IF the custodial parent has SOLE legal custody.)

DOCUMENTATION OF SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY MUST BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST SESSION

I, _____, am the biological parent of _____
(Parent Name) (Child Name)

and hereby authorize the release of information to _____.
(Non-custodial Parent)

The non-custodial parent's address is _____, and
his/her phone number is _____.

I understand that I need to discuss with Dr. Osika/Dr. Scarano the limits of information to be released.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent)

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent)

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INFORMED CONSENT TO CHILD, FAMILY, OR COUPLES PSYCHOTHERAPY

This form documents that we, _____, give our consent to Osika and Scarano Psychological services, P.C. (the “psychologist”) to provide psychotherapeutic treatment to us and/or our child. We understand that sometimes it is necessary to conduct family therapy as part of the treatment for our child.

While we expect benefits from this treatment, we fully understand that no particular outcome can be guaranteed. We understand that we are free to discontinue treatment at any time but that it would be best to discuss with the psychologist any plans to end therapy before doing so.

I have fully discussed with the psychologist what is involved in psychotherapy and I understand and agree to the policies about scheduling, fees and missed appointments.

- ***I understand that I am fully financially responsible for treatment, which, if I have health insurance, includes any portion of the psychologist’s fee that are not reimbursed by our insurance.***
- ***I understand that the frequency of our sessions will be 1-4 x PER MONTH and that I am fully responsible for payment of all deductibles and co-payments.***
- ***I understand that payment will be due at the time services are rendered.***
- ***I understand that I will be charged \$50.00 for any canceled sessions if I do not give the psychologist at least 24 BUSINESS HOUR notice. For example, if I call on 2 pm Sunday to cancel a Monday appointment I will be billed \$50.00 (Insurers don’t pay for canceled sessions).***
- ***I understand that there will be a \$10.00 charge for not paying my co-pay at the time services are rendered.***
- ***I understand that if my bill for services is 30 days past due, I will need to pay the full amount within two weeks in order to avoid interest at the rate of 18%. If payment cannot be made, then I understand that no further appointments will be provided and/or I may be given a referral to see another provider.***
- ***I understand that if my bill is not paid in full within 6 months of the unpaid date of service, in addition to an 18% APR a \$50.00 collection fee will be added.***

Our discussion about therapy has included the psychologist’s evaluation and diagnostic formulation of our problems, methods of treatment, goals, length of treatment, and information about record keeping. We have been informed about and understand the extent of treatment, its foreseeable benefits and risks, and possible alternative methods of treatment. We understand that therapy can sometimes cause upsetting feelings to emerge, that we may feel worse temporarily before feeling better, and that we may experience distress caused by changes we may decide to make in our life as a result of therapy.

Many providers at Osika and Scarano receive supervision by Dr. Tom and Dr. Gina (the supervisors). We understand that during supervision the patient's name, diagnosis and treatment plan are shared with the supervisors. We also understand that during the course of treatment, pertinent information is shared with the supervisors. As always, all providers abide by privacy policies and HIPAA.

We understand that the psychologist cannot provide emergency service. If an emergency arises we will call the number as follows: Dr.'s Scarano and Osika 744-7978. In any case, we understand that in any emergency, we may call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. We understand that Glens Falls Hospital has an Emergency Mental Health Staff and they can be reached at 761-5325.

We have received a HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices from the psychologist. We understand that information about psychotherapy is almost always kept confidential by the psychologist and not revealed to others unless we give our consent. There are a few exceptions as noted in the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices. Details about certain of those exceptions follow:

1. The psychologist is required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the authorities.
2. If we tell the psychologist that we intend to harm another person, the psychologist must try to protect that person, including by telling the police or the person or other health care providers. Similarly, if we threaten to harm ourselves, or our life or health is in any immediate danger, the psychologist will try to protect us, including by telling others such as my relatives or the police or other health care providers, who can assist in protecting or assisting us.
3. As per Section 9.46 of the Mental Health Hygiene Law, the psychologist is mandated to report (at <https://nysafe.omh.ny.gov>) patients who are at imminent risk of harming themselves or others. Such a report could have direct implications as to whether or not I could possess a firearm.
4. If we are involved in certain court proceedings the psychologist may be required by law to reveal information about our treatment. These situations include child custody disputes, cases where a therapy patient's psychological condition is an issue, lawsuits or formal complaints against the psychologist, civil commitment hearings, and court-related treatment.
5. If our health insurance or managed care plan will be reimbursing us or paying the psychologist directly, they will require that we waive confidentiality and that the psychologist give them information about our treatment.
6. The psychologist may consult with other psychotherapists about our treatment, but in doing so will not reveal our names or other information that might identify us. Further, when the psychologist is away or unavailable, another psychotherapist might answer calls and so will need to have some information about our treatment.
7. If our account with the psychologist becomes overdue and we do not pay the amount due or work out a payment plan, the psychologist will reveal a limited amount of information about our treatment in taking legal measure to be paid. This information will include our names, social security number, address, dates and type of treatment, and the amount due.

In all of the situations described above I understand that the psychologist will try to discuss the situation with me, or notify me, before any confidential information is revealed, and will reveal only the least amount of information that is necessary.

We understand that, except in exceptional circumstances, the psychologist cannot keep secrets from other family members who are involved in the therapy because this might harm the person who does not know.

We agree that each of us has and shall continue to have the right to information about our individual, family, and/or conjoint treatment sessions, and to the treatment records of the psychologist regarding our individual, family, and/or conjoint treatment sessions. We each agree that the psychologist may release such information

or record to either or all of us without any additional authorization(s) from the other(s). We understand that each of us will not, however, have any right of access to information or records regarding individual treatment sessions of other family members.

We agree that if marriage or parenting problems lead to legal disputes over child custody or visitation, neither of us will ask nor require that the psychologist testify regarding custody or visitation, because to do so would hurt the child's treatment. The psychologist's role is therapeutic and not evaluative. We understand that a third party forensic professional best answers these legal disputes.

If a custody or visitation proceeding does occur, we agree that the psychologist's role will be limited to providing information to a mental health professional appointed to perform a forensic evaluation, the attorneys, law guardian, and/or the judge involved in the legal proceeding. The psychologist will provide these either as required by law or upon our authorization. Because of these limitations, the psychologist also will not be able to give any opinion regarding custody, visitation or any other legal issue.

We understand that we have rights to information about what takes place in the child's therapy, to information about the child's progress in therapy, to information about any dangers the child might present to self or others, and upon request, to obtain copies of the child's treatment record (with certain qualifications and exceptions). We understand that it is sometimes best not to ask for specific information about what was said in therapy sessions because this might break the trust between the child and the psychologist, especially for children over the age of 12. The psychologist has explained to us that children with two parents have the best chance to benefit from therapy if both parents are involved and cooperate with each other and the psychologist. It is best if both the child's parents are consenting to therapy:

- Each of us agrees that he or she will not end the child's therapy without the agreement of the other parent, and that if we disagree about the child's continuing in therapy, we will try to come to an agreement, by counseling if necessary, before ending the child's therapy.
- We each agree to cooperate with the treatment plan of the psychologist for the child and understand that without mutual cooperation, the psychologist may not be able to act in the child's best interests and may have to end therapy.
- We agree that each of us has and shall continue to have the right to information about the child's treatment and to the treatment records of the psychologist regarding the child, and agree that the psychologist may release information or records to either of us without any additional authorization of the other.

If we and/or the child are participating in a managed care plan, we have discussed with the psychologist our financial responsibility for any co-payments and the plan's limits on the number of therapy sessions. If we and/or the child are not participating in a managed care program, we understand that we are fully financially responsible for treatment, including any portion of the fees not reimbursed by health insurance. The psychologist has also discussed options for continuation of treatment when managed care or health insurance benefits end.

We have the right to be notified of a data breach. We have the right to ask for an electronic copy of my medical record. We have the right to opt out of fundraising communications from us. Uses and disclosures of my medical information cannot be sold or used for marketing purposes without my authorization. All patients who pay in full out of pocket for services (i.e. do not bill their insurance) can instruct us to not share information about your treatment with your health plan.

We understand that we have a right to ask the psychologist about the psychologist's training and qualifications. If we ever desire to file a complaint about the psychologist's professional conduct, we understand we can call the NYS Psychology Licensing Board within the Department of Education at 474-3817. Complaints to the licensing board can also be made if you feel your provider or any staff member of Osika and Scarano violates your patient rights or discriminates against you based on gender, race, sexual orientation, national origin or color. If (the licensing board finds that) an employee of Osika and Scarano has violated this non-discrimination policy, appropriate disciplinary action, ranging from counseling to termination, will be taken against the employee who violated the policy.

By signing below, we are indicating that we have read and understand this agreement, that we give consent to the psychologist's treatment for ourselves and/or our child, and that we have the proper legal status to give consent to therapy for our child.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

TELEMEDICINE INFORMED CONSENT FORM

I, _____ (patient) hereby consent to engaging in telemedicine with _____ (psychotherapist) as part of my psychotherapy. I understand that “telemedicine” includes the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, and treatment using interactive audio-video communications. I also understand that, with my signed consent, telemedicine may involve the electronic communication of my medical/mental healthcare information to other health care practitioners. The rights stated supplement those rights I have generally as a patient of the psychotherapist.

I understand that I have the following rights with respect to telemedicine:

I have the right to withhold or withdraw consent to telemedicine treatment at any time.

The laws that protect the confidentiality of my medical/healthcare information also apply to telemedicine. As such, I understand that the information disclosed by me during the course of my therapy is generally confidential. However, there are mandatory exceptions to confidentiality, including reporting child abuse and the imminent risk of danger to self or others. If I put my mental state at issue in certain legal proceedings, then the psychotherapist may be compelled to release otherwise confidential information about my evaluation and treatment.

I understand that there are risks and consequences from telemedicine, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite reasonable efforts on the part of my psychotherapist, that the transmission of my medical information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures or unauthorized persons, and that the electronic communication of my medical information could be accessed by unauthorized persons.

I understand that telemedicine based services and care may not be as complete or effective as face-to-face services. I also understand that if my psychotherapist believes I would be better served by in-person psychotherapeutic services, I will be referred to a psychotherapist who can provide such services in my area. I understand that there are potential risks and benefits associated with any form of psychotherapy, and that despite my efforts and the efforts of my psychotherapist, my condition may not improve, and in some cases may even get worse. I understand that I may benefit from telemedicine, but that results cannot be guaranteed or assured.

As with all medical records, I understand that I have a right to access my medical information and copies of medical records of telemedicine treatment in accordance with New York State law.

(Optional: if I am temporarily to be outside of New York State at any time during my telemedicine treatment, then I also hereby represent that I am a permanent resident of New York State. I understand that the psychotherapist is licensed in New York State, and that I have recourse to the professional licensing board and courts of New York State should I have any grievance against the psychotherapist.)

I have read and understand the information provided above. I have discussed it with the psychotherapist, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. My signature below indicates my informed consent to treatment.

Patient Signature

Date

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FEES

For **routine outpatient visits** to our office, we bill your insurance. You are responsible for your copay and deductible (which varies with each plan).

If you **do not have insurance**, please complete the Sliding Fee Scale Packet. In addition, we work closely with a specialist from Fidelis Care and an enrollment specialist from Adirondack Health Institute. Both can help you find a health insurance plan that is affordable for you. We will be more than happy to make a referral for you.

If your insurance does not cover **evaluations for court, probation, etc.**, it will be billed at \$300. This includes fees for your sessions and writing of the report.

If your insurance does not cover **achievement testing required to make a diagnosis of a Learning Disability**, you have 3 options:

- 1) Call your insurance company and ask if they would agree to pay for 2 hours of achievement testing
- 2) Ask your child's school to complete the achievement testing
- 3) Have our office complete the testing and agree to pay over a six-month period of time.
 - a. If you choose our office to complete the testing, we will administer the Wechsler Individual Achievement Scale. Administration of the WIAT will take about 2 hours and the charge is \$60 per hour. A six-month payment plan can be agreed upon in writing at this time.

Unfortunately, most insurance plans do not allow providers to bill for **report writing**. Scoring and writing psychological reports is a daunting task and typically takes 1-3 hours of work. This, again, is billed at a rate of \$60 per hour. A six-month payment plan can be agreed upon if needed. Medicaid does allow clinicians to bill for report writing.

Unless you have a specific insurance, there will be a \$50 **No Show or Late Cancellation Fee**. We respectfully ask that you give us at least a 24-hour notice prior to cancelling your appointment. However, we understand life happens: you are sick, your car breaks down, or you got called into work. Please keep in mind that No Shows (unless you have a specific insurance) will always be billed, and frequent late cancellations will be billed.

By signing below, you state that you understand and agree to our fee policy.

Client Signature (parent if minor)

Date

Name (printed)

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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION/AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN**

1. I authorize my healthcare practitioner, _____ at Osika & Scarano Psychological Services, P.C., and/or administrative and clinical staff to disclose my protected health information, as specified below, to the persons indicated below who will receive the information:

Primary Care Physician:

2. I am hereby authorizing the disclosure of the following protected health information:
DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT PLAN
3. This protected health information is being used or disclosed for the following purposes:
To collaborate regarding the treatment plan and diagnosis
4. This authorization shall be in force and affect until one (1) year after the date below at which time this authorization to disclose protected health information shall expire.
5. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time by sending such written notification to my healthcare practitioner, at Osika & Scarano Psychological Services, P.C., 5 Pine Street, Glens Falls. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that my healthcare practitioner has relied on my authorization or if my authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage and the insurer has a legal right to contest a claim.
6. I understand that information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be disclosed by the recipient and may no longer be protected by HIPAA or any other federal or state law.
7. My healthcare practitioner will not condition my treatment on whether I provide an authorization for disclosure except if health care services are provided to me solely for the purpose of creating protected health information for disclosure to a third party.

Signature of patient

Date

Print Name of Patient

DOB:

(Provide a copy of this form to the patient)

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Refusal to Sign ROI for PCP

ONLY SIGN THIS FORM IF YOU REFUSED TO SIGN THE PREVIOUS PAGE

According to HIPAA, you have the right to refuse giving consent for your provider at Osika and Scarano (O and S) to coordinate care with your PCP. According to your insurance company, however, they require documentation of this refusal and an explanation as to why.

Please put an "x" next to all of the follow reasons why you feel that coordination of care with your PCP is not necessary at this time.

I need to discuss very personal issues that I do not want shared with my PCP

I may consider signing a release at a later date as I gain trust in my provider at O and S

I may consider signing a release at a later date as I discuss the things I do and don't want released to my PCP

I just don't feel it is necessary at this time

Other Explain: _____

Patient Signature

Date

Printed Patient Name

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PATIENT REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS

We, _____, assume that we may contact you by telephone at your home and at your work, and in writing at your home, unless you instruct us otherwise.

Under HIPAA, you have the right to request that communications with you be confidential and by means of your selection. We will approve your request if in our opinion it is reasonable. Once we agree to your request, we are obligated to honor it, except if an emergency arises.

I wish to be contacted as follows (check all that apply):

At my home telephone number: _____

You can leave messages with detailed information

Leave message with a call-back number only

Call only at specified times of day: _____

At my work telephone number: _____

You can leave messages with detailed information

Leave message with call-back number only

Call only at specified times of day: _____

At my cell phone number: _____

You can leave messages with detailed information

Leave message with call-back number only

Text message me

Call only at specified times of day: _____

In writing at:

My home address

My work address

My fax number(s): _____

My email address: _____

Other (specify): _____

If any means of contacting you will place you in danger, please specify: _____

Signature of Patient

Print Name

Date

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Authorization for the Transmission of ePHI
(Electronic Private Health Information)

I have requested that my PHI be transmitted electronically (via email or texting), which I understand is NOT HIPAA Compliant. Since transmitting ePHI is NOT standard procedure at Osika and Scarano, you need to authorize us to send and receive such information electronically. By signing below, you authorize us to send and receive your PHI electronically.

I understand that although the electronic devices and e-mail at Osika and Scarano are password protected, the privacy of my PHI may be breeched by forces beyond our control (e.g. hacking, stolen devices). I understand I should delete any correspondence with our office from my e-mail and phone as soon as possible, which is a standard and customary procedure by all staff at Osika and Scarano. Once signed, this waiver will be in effect until the office is notified in writing.

Patient (Print)

Date

Patient or Parent Signature

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PLACE THIS SIGNED & DATED FORM IN ALL CHARTS TO
CONTACT US

This is our contact information as referred to above:

Our Privacy Officers are: Dr. Thomas Osika and Dr. Gina Scarano-Osika

Our mailing address is: 5 Pine Street

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Telephone: (518) 745-0079

Fax: (518) 745-4291

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood this Notice of Privacy effective April 14, 2003, and that any questions I have about it have been answered.

Signature

Date

Print Name

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

In order to minimize my out-of-pocket expenses, I understand that I am fully responsible for updating this form on a yearly basis and when my insurance changes. Failure to give immediate notice of any change in insurance can result in large out-of-pocket expenses, which I will be fully liable to pay in full.

1. Name of Insurance Company _____
(as it appears on the card)

Name of the insurance representative who you got this information from: _____

Date I called: _____

2. Co-pay amount _____

3. Is there a Deductible? _____

4. Referral from Primary Care Physician Needed? _____

5. Outpatient Treatment Report (OTR) needed? _____

If yes, after how many sessions? _____

6. Prior Authorization need? Yes or No If yes, complete the following:

6 a. Authorization Number: _____

6 b. What is the maximum number of visits allowed under this authorization? _____

6 c. Is it a calendar year (e.g., 01/01/09 to 01/01/10)? Yes or No

If no, give the dates that the authorization is valid from _____ to _____

By signing below, I am agreeing to pay in full any outstanding balance that results from incomplete or inaccurate information.

Patient or Parent Signature

Date

Print Name

OSIKA & SCARANO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PC
INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Our office is strongly encouraging telehealth visits during the COVID pandemic. If, for some reason you need a face-to-face session, you and your provider will have a discussion as to why.

We are requiring all patients to read, initial and sign this document, regardless of whether we have planned a face-to-face session. This document contains important information about how to safely have a face-to-face session in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Please read this carefully and let your provider know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will be an official agreement between you and our practice.

Refusal to Meet Face-to-Face

If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, your provider may refuse your request for a face-to-face session. If you have concerns about meeting through telehealth, you will talk to your provider about it first and try to address any issues. You understand that, if your provider believes it is necessary, they may determine that you return to telehealth for everyone's well-being. If you insist on face-to-face sessions, you may request a change in provider if your provider continues to refuse.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus (or other public health risk). This risk may increase if you travel by public transportation, cab, or ridesharing service.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, you agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone (you, me, our families, my other staff, and other patients) safer from exposure, sickness and possible death. If you do not adhere to these safeguards, it may result in our termination of the option for face-to-face sessions. Initial each to indicate that you understand. I agree to these actions if I ever have a face-to-face session:

- You will only have your in-person appointment if you are symptom free. ____
- You will take your temperature before coming to each appointment. If it is elevated (100° Fahrenheit or higher), or if you have other symptoms of the coronavirus (e.g., dry cough, flu-like symptoms), you agree to cancel the appointment, or to proceed using telehealth. If you wish to cancel for this reason, we won't charge you our normal cancellation fee. Ask your provider if you'd like to use our point-and-shoot thermometer at the office. ____
- You will wait in your car or outside until no earlier than 5 minutes before our appointment time. ____
- You will wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when you enter the building. ____
- You will adhere to the safe distancing precautions we have set up in the waiting room and service rooms. For example, you won't move chairs or sit where seating is prohibited. ____
- You will wear a mask in all areas of the office. (Our staff will also.) ____
- You will keep a distance of 6 feet and there will be no physical contact (e.g., no shaking hands) with any member of our staff. ____

- You will try not to touch your face or eyes with your hands. If you do, you will immediately wash or sanitize your hands. ____
- If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows all of these sanitation and distancing protocols. ____
- You will take steps between appointments to minimize your exposure to COVID. ____
- If you have a job that exposes you to other people who are infected, you will immediately let us know. ____
- If your commute, or other responsibilities or activities put you in close contact with others (beyond your family), you will let me [and my staff] know. ____
- If a resident of your home tests positive for the infection, you will immediately let us know, and we will then begin or resume treatment via telehealth. ____

We may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will talk about any necessary changes.

My Commitment to Minimize Exposure

My practice has taken steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus within the office and we have posted our efforts on our website and in the office. Please let me know if you have questions about these efforts.

If You or I Are Sick

You understand that we are committed to keeping you, me, our staff, and all of our families safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment and we believe you have a fever or other symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, we will have to require you to leave the office immediately. Our providers reserve the right to take your temperature. If you are asked to leave the office, we can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate. If your provider tests positive for the coronavirus, we will notify you so that you can take appropriate precautions.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, we may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If we have to report this, we will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for our visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that we may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that we agreed to at the start of our work together.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.

Patient/Client

Date

Psychologist

OSIKA and SCARANO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PC
Office Safety Precautions in Effect During the Pandemic

My office is taking the following precautions to protect our patients and help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

- Office seating in the waiting room and in therapy/testing rooms has been arranged for appropriate physical distancing.
- My staff and I wear masks.
- My staff maintains safe distancing.
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is available in the therapy/testing rooms, the waiting room and at the reception counter.
- We schedule very few face-to-face appointments in order to minimize the number of people in the waiting room.
- We ask all patients to wait in their cars or outside until no earlier than 5 minutes before their appointment times.
- Credit card pads, pens and other areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized after each use.
- Physical contact is not permitted.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.
- Providers have to attest daily that they are symptom free, do not have a temperature, have not travelled outside of the state within the past 2 weeks and know of no known exposure to COVID.

**PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

Name: _____

Parents First & Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of First Session: _____

Who referred your child to this office? _____

Why? _____

Primary Care Physician: _____

In order to better meet your needs during sessions, it is beneficial for the therapist to know some general social history. Please answer the following questions. The more truthful you are, the more beneficial treatment can be for you. For children & teens the questions should be answered as if the child is filling out the form.

Directions: With an "X", please designate which statements are "TRUE" for you.

When I was born, my birth mother was a teen or unmarried

I was conceived from a sexual assault

My birth parents remain married

My birth parents separated when I was _____ years of age

One or both of my birth parents re-married

I was adopted. Directions:

Fill in the blank spaces

I have _____ birth siblings (same parents) of which I am the _____ born.

I have _____ half-siblings (share only one birthparent)

I have _____ step-siblings (children of a step-parent)

Preg: WNL no substances perinatal
stressors or illnesses Pre-natal stressors or
illnesses Labor: WNL

Weight: WNL

Illnesses first year: none Developmental

Milestones: WNL Physical Development: WNL

Psychological Development: WNL Social

Development: WNL Intellectual Development:

WNL Academic Development: WNL

Directions: With an "X", please designate which statements are "TRUE" of you.

At least one of my childhood mentors (e.g., birth parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents) were addicted or overused ALCOHOL.

If "YES", Who? _____

At least one of my childhood mentors (e.g., birth parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents) used ILLEGAL DRUGS.

If "YES" Who? _____

At least one of my childhood mentors (e.g., birth parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents) were PHYSICALLY VIOLENT with each other.

If "YES", Who? _____

At least one of my childhood mentors (e.g., birth parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents) were VERBALLY ABUSIVE with each other.

If "YES", Who? _____

What were their abusive statements/names: _____

I have been a victim of CHILDHOOD PHYSICAL ABUSE (e.g., at least red marks or bruising)

If "YES", By Whom? _____

I have been a victim of CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE (e.g. intercourse OR fondling OR giving OR receiving oral sex)

If "YES", By Whom? _____

I have been a victim of stranger or date rape.

Directions: With and "X" please designate which statements are "TRUE" of you

I am in _____ grade at _____ School.

I am in Special Education Classes

If yes, describe _____

I don't give my full effort on homework.

I am frequently tardy or truant from school.

Directions: Fill in the blanks

I have been in _____ physically abusive relationships. I have been in _____ verbally abusive relationship.

I have had _____ serious relationships end negatively. Describe: _____
Number

Medical illnesses that I currently have: _____

I have had _____ periods of unconsciousness in my lifetime.

Prescription Medications that I take daily: _____

I am allergic to these medications: _____

Number of cigarettes I smoke daily: _____

Amount of caffeine I drink daily (coffee, t e a , cola): _____ 8 oz servings. Number of 8 oz

servings of alcohol I drink weekly: _____

Prescription pain meds I have used in the past six months: _____

Illegal drugs I have used in my lifetime: _____

Illegal drugs I have used in the past 6 months: _____

I have a firearm in my home: yes no

If yes, are they locked in a secure location? yes no

Directions: With an "X", please designate which statements are "TRUE" of you in the past 6 months. Leave the space blank if the statement does not apply.

I have visual memories of abusive childhood events

I have nightmares of previous abuse/assaults

I cry easily

I lose my temper at little things

I disobey my parents a lot

I blame others

I have been stealing

I have destroyed things when angry

I hurt others when angry

I have set fires

I have run away from home

I have been illegally absent from school

I am sexually active

I feel depressed most days

I feel irritable most days

I worry about things I don't think will happen

I have difficulty falling asleep

I get too little sleep

I have trouble staying asleep

My appetite has decreased

I feel tired most days

I require more than 10 hours of sleep

I have a difficult time concentrating

I feel out of control when I overeat.

I avoid some foods (e.g., fatty or high in sugar).

I am unhappy with my weight and body shape.

I've had thoughts of killing myself in the past

I have wanted to die in the past.

I have had a planned method of killing myself

I have hurt myself on purpose by cutting, burning or bruising myself.

I have tried to kill myself in the past

If "Yes", When _____

How _____

I have been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons

If "YES" Where? _____

When? _____

I have been placed on psychiatric medications in the past.

If yes, which ones _____

I am currently taking psychiatric medications.

If yes, which medications and how much _____

I have seen a mental health professional for outpatient treatment in the past.

Describe previous treatment provider's interventions: _____

Members of my family have mental illness.

If yes, which illnesses: _____

(Patient Stop Here and skip next page)

Mental Status Examination:

Patient came to interview with _____. Parent was cooperative and understood her/his privacy rights under HIPAA.

Parent was appropriately concerned about patient.

Insight: WNL DENIAL Empathy:

ADEQUATE Judgment: ADEQUATE

Patient is a _____-year old Caucasian who appeared stated age. Patient was weighed upon intake and they stood

_____ feet tall and weighed _____ giving them a Body Mass Index of . Patient was

_____ motivated for therapy and was cooperative. Mood

DFA DSA

Appetite Psychosis: None

Insight: WNL Judgment:

WNL

Patient Denied SI/HI

DSM-V DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

TREATMENT GOALS:

Patient will be seen for individual therapy. Object-relational, cognitive-behavioral, brief time limited and family systems interventions will be utilized in order to meet the follow goals within 10 to 15 sessions:

A release of information will be signed in order for treatment to be coordinated with patient's pediatrician/family physician and to discuss the utilization of psychiatric medications.
