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**INFORMED CONSENT CHECKLIST FOR TELEPSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

Prior to starting video-conferencing services, we discussed and agreed to the following:

* There are potential benefits and risks of videoconferencing (e.g. limits to patient confidentiality) that differ from in-person sessions.
* Confidentiality still applies for telepsychology services, and nobody will record the session without the permission from the others person(s).
* We agree to use the videoconferencing platform selected for our virtual sessions, and the psychologist will explain how to use it.
* You need to use a webcam or smartphone during the session.
* It is important to be in a quiet, private space that is free of distractions (including cell phone or other devices) during the session.
* It is important to use a secure internet connection rather than public/free Wi-Fi.
* It is important to be on time.
* We need a back-up plan (e.g., phone number where you can be reached) to restart the session or to reschedule it, in the event of technical problems.
* We need a safety plan that includes at least one emergency contact and the closest ER to your location, in the event of a crisis situation.
* You should confirm with your insurance company that the video sessions will be reimbursed; if they are not reimbursed, you are responsible for full payment.

Psychologist Name / Signature:

Patient Name:

Signature of Patient:

Date:

Best phone number: