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## **Consent for Online Therapy Sessions**

- 1. I understand Ellen Wilkins wishes me to engage in online therapy sessions.
- 2. Ellen has explained to me how video conferencing technology that will be used for therapy sessions will not be the same as a direct client visit due to the fact that I will not be in the same room as my therapist.
- 3. I understand an online therapy session 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 in using this technology, including interruptions, unauthorized access, and technical difficulties. I understand my health care provider or I can discontinue the telehealth consult/visit if it is felt the videoconferencing connections are not adequate for the situation.
- 5. I have had a direct conversation with Ellen Wilkins, 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.

FaceTime, Skype or Zoom service may be used to conduct telehealth videoconferencing appointments. These are simple to use and there are no passwords required to log in. By signing this document, I acknowledge Ellen Wilkins online therapy services is NOT an Emergency Service and in the event of an emergency, I will use a phone to call 911.

- 1. To maintain confidentiality, I will not share my counseling/therapy appointment link with anyone unauthorized to attend the appointment.
- 2. If there is technology failure, Ellen will call you on your cell phone to continue the session.
- 3. I understand the confidentiality from my computer is controlled by myself and is not my therapist's responsibility.

By signing this form, I certify:

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

l,	, give informed consent to Ellen Wilkins, LMFT to provide online
therapy services.	
Signature:	Date:
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