



## General Consent

**I HAVE BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES' (Provider) "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES" AND A COPY OF "CLIENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES".**

Please complete the following information:

In case of an emergency I authorize Provider to contact \_\_\_\_\_ at  
(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_. My relationship to this contact is \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to be contacted by Provider in the following manner for any **necessary** communication. Billing statements are mailed. (Please check all areas that would be an acceptable manner to contact you);

- Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Cellular telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- Provider may leave their name and phone number only when they call.
- Provider may leave a detailed message when they call.
- Provider may not leave any information.
- Provider may fax me information: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- Provider may email me at the following email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that the services that I will receive while a client of Catholic Charities (Provider) are contingent upon my signature on this consent document.**

**Client Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Client Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Personal Representative (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Client     Parent     Legal Guardian     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## CLIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*Because of our interest assisting you in meeting your needs, and protecting you we are of your rights in making use of our services, as well as important responsibilities which will help you to fully benefit from the particular service you will be receiving. You will be asked to read and sign this notice of Client's Rights & Responsibilities as well as a General Consent which allows Catholic Charities to share certain aspects of your protected health information for treatment, billing and health care operations. Your signature on these two documents will be necessary prior to receiving services.*

### RIGHTS

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#### √ *The right to know*

You have the right to understand as completely as possible the intended results and effects of any professional service in which you participate. As professional human service providers, we are strongly committed to services where clients are seen as partners in an atmosphere of learning and growth. We will make every effort to develop a service plan with you which is responsive to your needs. We also encourage you to ask questions or to voice any concerns you have about the services you receive.

#### √ *The right to confidentiality*

Since the focus of our work together involves areas of your life that are sensitive and personal, we are committed to respect for your privacy and confidentiality. We cannot disclose any information that you have shared with us without your permission. We will only share information with others or receive records of your work with them if we have your written consent. Should I and/or my family members receive services from multiple providers at Catholic Charities, I give my consent for those providers to consult with each other in order to assure our best interests.

There are, however, legally required exceptions to this policy, one of which involves disclosure concerning abuse and neglect. As human service professionals, we are required by law and our professional ethics to report a reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect to appropriate legal jurisdictions. In addition we are required to report our concerns should we suspect self-harm, or that you may harm another.

#### √ *Graduate Internships*

Catholic Charities is a training facility engaging graduate interns who bring with them the latest in technologies from accredited programs at the colleges and universities in our area. An intern may be assigned as your service provider. Should an intern be assigned as your service provider you will be informed.

#### √ *The right to safe environment*

Catholic Charities is committed to maintaining a safe environment in which all individuals (staff, service recipients, volunteers and vendors) are treated with respect and dignity. Catholic Charities prohibits the use of restrictive behavior management interventions or any other practice that provides isolation, locked seclusion, manual or mechanical restraint, and/or chemical restraint to all clients including minors.

#### √ *The right to complain*

If you are dissatisfied with your treatment or the services you receive, you have the right to contact the Executive Director and file a formal complaint. Should you choose to do so, you need to simply write or call the Executive Director using our normal telephone number. We treat these complaints very seriously and make every effort to resolve them in a just and fair manner.

#### √ *The right to refuse or terminate service*

Since the professional services which we offer are voluntary in nature, you have the right to say no to any recommendations or approaches that are offered to you. In addition, you also have the right to decide how long you want to make use of our services and to terminate that service.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

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#### √ *Keeping Appointments*

You are responsible for keeping scheduled appointments for the services which you have requested. If you know in advance that you will need to cancel an appointment, you are expected to give twenty-four hours notice. Otherwise, you will be charged your usual fee for missed or late-canceled appointments. This policy, similar to those of most professional providers, is based on the loss of availability of services to other clients and the loss of professional staff time. *(There will be a \$10 minimum charge for all late cancellations or missed appointments even though your particular service may be provided for no fee.)*

(OVER)

√ ***Paying Your Share***

You are responsible for paying fees in accord with the agreement worked out with your service provider. There will be a fee (or part of a fee) for telephone services that are therapeutic in nature (beyond scheduling or rescheduling appointments, etc.). There is an ongoing expectation that you inform the service provider about increases and decreases in income, which could affect your fee. Though the inability to pay your fee on our sliding scale will not be a barrier to service, failure to pay an agreed upon fee may result in the discontinuation of service.

√ ***Termination of Services***

If you decide to terminate service, we ask that you make this known directly to your service provider. While we respect your right to terminate services, ending can be an important step, so we encourage you to talk this decision over with your service provider.

It is your responsibility to maintain sobriety while participating in the programs and services of Catholic Charities. Should professional staff determine that you are impaired by a controlled substance, including prescription drugs that prevent you from being able to benefit from the service or are a danger to yourself or others, your appointment will be postponed until a later time. If appropriate, staff may offer a referral to a more extensive chemical dependency setting, or, should you be assessed as dangerously under the influence to legal authorities.

**Client signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Agency Representative:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name \_\_\_\_\_

Case # \_\_\_\_\_

### INITIAL INFORMATION (First Session)

1. Please write a few sentences about the concern that brings you here. (Presenting problem)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you hope/dream will be different or will change by your coming here? (Goal)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are your resources or strengths that help you toward achieving your hopes or dreams? (Strengths)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is keeping you from attaining your dream or hope for change? (Barriers)

*Stress and Life Transitions can affect your physical health. We recommend that everyone have a preventative health care checkup each year.*

- 5a. Have you seen your doctor in the last 12 months? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- 5b. Please rate your overall health, circle one: Excellent    Very Good    Good    Fair    Poor
- 6a. How many times in the past year have you had 4 drinks (women) 5 drinks (men) or more drinks in a day?
- |       |           |           |    |
|-------|-----------|-----------|----|
| Never | 1-3 times | 4-6 times | 6+ |
|-------|-----------|-----------|----|
- 6b. How many times in the past year have you used an illegal drug or used a prescription medication for non-medical reasons?
- |       |           |           |    |
|-------|-----------|-----------|----|
| Never | 1-3 times | 4-6 times | 6+ |
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Client signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Client/Parent signature (If Minor) \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist signature, credentials \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



# Fee Agreement

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Catholic Charities is a private, non-profit social service agency that is funded through donations, grants, fees and the United Way.

## Fee Agreement

I understand that my fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour (or service) and that the payment of this fee is expected at the beginning of each session. (For Insurance clients, I understand this is my expected portion of the fee but could change based on insurance reimbursement). I understand that if I fail to pay the assigned fee, services will be terminated unless arrangement for payment is made. I also understand that this fee (or part of this fee) may be applied to telephone services that are therapeutic in nature. Payment arrangement should be discussed with your service provider.

## Insurance

Catholic Charities accepts some insurance plans. **I authorize Catholic Charities to release any information necessary to process claims and permit payment directly to Catholic Charities any benefits due for services rendered.** I understand that if complete insurance information is provided that every reasonable effort to collect from my insurance company will be made. I realize that I should contact my insurance company to ensure timely payment. If my insurance company fails to pay or pays only a portion of the bill(s) after 90 days I am responsible for prompt payment of any remaining balance(s). Financial responsibility for the bill(s) remains with me until full payment is made.

## Appointment Cancellation Policy

If you must cancel an appointment, we ask that you give your service provider at least 24 hours' notice. You will be charged your *usual fee* for missed and late-canceled appointments. Since insurance cannot be billed for missed appointments and co-pays cannot be accepted for missed appointments, there is a \$25 charge for our insurance clients for missed and late-canceled appointments. For services that are not charged a fee, there is a \$10 charge for missed and late-canceled appointments. Payment of these charges will be expected prior to the beginning of the next session.

Client (person financially responsible): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

