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### AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES/INFORMED CONSENT

This form is to clarify the legal and business portion of our relationship. Please read the following information carefully and feel free to discuss with me any questions or concerns you may have.

#### Confidentiality

Absolute privacy is the basic right of anyone who seeks counseling. All information shared is strictly confidential and cannot be released without your explicit, written consent. There are three important exceptions to client/therapist privilege. a) Any threats of murder or bodily harm to self, other or property of another.; b) Any knowledge of child, elder or dependent abuse or neglect; c) A court order.

Minors above the age of 12 have the right to confidentiality unless they are perceived as harmful to themselves or others and can, under certain conditions, participate in therapy without parental consent.

#### Payment and Missed Appointments

Therapy session, unless otherwise arranged, last 50 minutes. I have a sliding scale of \$120 - \$90 per session, payable at the end of each appointment. Appointments that are canceled or broken without 24 hours notice will be charged the full fee. These charges are generally not reimbursed by insurance companies.

#### Phone Sessions

I am available for phone sessions as my free time permits. Any phone contact which is unrelated to the business portion of our relationship will be considered a phone session and the fee will be prorated according to your regular hourly fee.

#### Seeing You Outside of Therapy

If we happen to meet or see each other outside of my office, I will protect your confidentiality by not initiating contact.

#### Drugs and Alcohol

I consider drugs and alcohol to be impediments to effective therapy and I ask all clients to refrain from use on the day of their appointment. If you have any problem with this, please let me know.

#### Termination

When you decide to end or temporarily discontinue therapy, please let me know ahead of time so we can schedule a closing session. I find such a session to be valuable for both of us.

