GRACE COUNSELING PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PRIVACY PRACTICES POLICIES

Name:			Today's Date			
Address:			E-mail address			
Place of employment			Cell phone ()			
osition		lengt	h of employment		Bus phone	
Birth Date	Age	Sex	_			
ingle Married	Going S	teady	Separated	_ Widowed	Divorced	
ducation (last year comp	leted) :		Degrees or certif	icates:		
Other Training:			Referred	here by:		
Home Phone Number				/lay we leave a	message?[]Yes []No	
Work Phone Number _		***************************************		/lay we leave a	message?[]Yes []No	
Mobile Phone Number			^	May we leave a	message?[]Yes []No	
If the above patient is	a minor con	plete the fo	llowing:			
Name of Guardian:						
Address of Guardian:	Street					
	City		S	tate	Zip	

Notice of Privacy Practices (Brief Version)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Our commitment to your privacy

Our practice is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your personal health information as part of providing professional care. We are also required by law to keep your information private. These laws are complicated, but we must give you this important information. This is a shorter version of the full, legally required notice of privacy practices for which you may ask the practice for a copy. Please talk to us about any questions or problems.

How we use and disclose your protected health information with your consent

After you have read this notice we will ask you to sign a **consent form which follows**. If you do not consent and sign this form, we cannot treat you. If we want to use or send, share, or release your information for other purposes, we will discuss this with you and ask you to sign an authorization form to allow this.

Disclosing your health information without your consent

There are some times when the laws require us to use or share your information. For example:

- 1. When there is a serious threat to your or another's health and safety or to the public. We will only share information with persons who are able to help prevent or reduce the threat.
- 2. When we are required to do so by lawsuits and other legal or court proceedings.
- 3. If a law enforcement official requires us to do so.
- 4. For workers' compensation and similar benefit programs.

There are some other rare situations. They are described in the longer version of our notice of privacy practices.

GRACE COUNSELING PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PRIVACY PRACTICES POLICIES

Your rights regarding your health information

- 1. You can ask to communicate with you in a particular way or at a certain place more private for you. For example, you can ask us to call you at home, and not at work, to schedule or cancel an appointment. We will try our best to do as you ask.
- 2. You can ask us to limit what we tell people involved in your care or the payment for your care, such as family members and friends.
- 3. You have the right to look at the health information we have about you, such as your medical and billing records. You can get a copy of these records, but we may charge you for it. Contact our privacy officer to arrange how to see your records. See below.
- 4. If you believe that the information in your records is incorrect or missing something important, you can ask us to make additions to your records to correct the situation. You have to make this request in writing and send it to our privacy officer. You must also tell us the reasons you want to make the changes.
- 5. You have the right to a copy of this notice. If we change this notice, we will post the new version in our waiting area, and you can always get a copy of it from the privacy officer.
- 6. You have the right to file a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. You can file a complaint with our privacy officer and with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. All complaints must be in writing. Filing a complaint will not change the health care we provide to you in any way. Also, you may have other rights that are granted to you by the laws of our state, and these may be the same as or different from the rights described above. We will be happy to discuss these situations with you now or as they arise. If you have any questions regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies, please contact our privacy officer, who is and can be reached by phone at or by e-mail at gcounsel@kc.rr.com. The effective date of this notice is 2/27/10.

Consent to Use and Disclose Your Health Information

This form is an agreement between you, and me/us, When we use the words "you" and "your" below, this can mean you, your child, a relative, or some other person if you have written his or her name here:

When we examine, test, diagnose, treat, or refer you, we will be collecting what the law calls "protected health information" (PHI) about you. We need to use this information in our office to decide on what treatment is best for you and to provide treatment to you. We may also share this information with others to arrange payment for your treatment, to help carry out certain business or government functions, or to help provide other treatment to you. By signing this form, you are also agreeing to let us use your PHI and to send it to others for the purposes described above. Your signature below acknowledges that you have read or heard our notice of privacy practices, which explains in more detail what your rights are and how we can use and share your information.

If you do not sign this form agreeing to our privacy practices, we cannot treat you. In the future, we may change how we use and share your information, and so we may change our notice of privacy practices. If we do change it, you can get a copy from us by calling us at 816-810-7730.

If you are concerned about your PHI, you have the right to ask us not to use or share some of it for treatment, payment, or administrative purposes. You will have to tell us what you want in writing. Although we will try to respect your wishes, we are not required to accept these limitations. However, if we do agree, we promise to do as you asked. After you have signed this consent, you have the right to revoke it by writing to our privacy officer. We will then stop using or sharing your PHI, but we may already have used or shared some of it, and we cannot change that.

GRACE COUNSELING PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PRIVACY PRACTICES POLICIES