Informed Consent for Telemedicine/Video conferencing for Mental Health

Patient Name: _____

1. I understand that my health care provider wishes me to engage in a telemedicine consultation.
2. My health care provider has explained to me how the video conferencing technology will be used to affect such a consultation and how it will not be the same as a direct patient/health care provider visit due to the fact that I will not be in the same room as my health care provider.
3. I understand there are potential risks to this technology, including interruptions, unauthorized access and technical difficulties. I understand that my health care provider or I can discontinue the telemedicine consult/visit if it is felt that the videoconferencing connections are not adequate for the situation.
4. I have had the alternatives to a telemedicine consultation explained to me and fully choose to participate.
5. I have had a direct conversation with my therapist, during which I had the opportunity to ask questions in regard to telehealth/video conferencing. 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.

By signing this form, I certify:

- That I have read or had this form read and/or had this form explained to me.
- That I fully understand its contents including the risks and benefits of telehealth communication.
- That I have been given ample opportunity to ask questions and that any questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

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Client signature and DATE