



## Telehealth/Telephone Consent for Groups & Family Sessions

In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services is temporarily using telephone and telehealth (HIPAA compliant platform which involves interactive audio and video telecommunication) to continue to provide specialty mental health services. The purpose of this consent is to provide the client/caregiver/responsible adult with information that is important when deciding whether to participate in individual sessions by means of telehealth or telephone.

Check the box next to each element to confirm that you have discussed it with the client:

- Group and/or family sessions will be conducted using approved secure platforms, but there is no way to guarantee that this software is completely failure-proof. As with any technology, there is a chance that information may be shared that would affect the privacy of your personal information.

Since you will be participating in sessions in a remote location, we cannot guarantee your privacy. To strengthen privacy and confidentiality controls for yourself and other group/familymembers, we request that you:

- Are in a private area with no others in the room with you and where disruptions (e.g., others coming into the room or hearing what you say in another room) are minimized as much as possible.
- Use headphones to limit the possibility of other people overhearing confidential information.
- Refrain from using last names of other group/family members.
- All existing confidentiality rules for group and family sessions apply. However, given that other clients or family members will also be participating from a remote location, it is possible that your confidentiality could not be maintained if other members are not in a private area.

- You are not to use any recording software during sessions. Likewise, services provided will be not recorded by Didi Hirsch unless you have consented to such.

- You have the right to withhold or withdraw your consent to participate in group/family sessions via telehealth or telephone at any time during the course of your care and it will not affect your right to other care/treatment.

- Client understands the above advisements and has verbally consented to accept Group/Family Sessions via Telehealth and Telephone but is not signing this Consent due to procedures in place in response to the COVID19 public health crisis.

Language that this consent was interpreted in for the client and/or responsible adult.

\_Unknown/Not Reported

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Rendering Provider's Signature

Rendering NPI #/License / Name Date Submitted:

Agency: Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services / Site:

This confidential information is provided to you in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to applicable Welfare and Institution Code, Civil Code and HIPAA Privacy Standards.

Duplication of this information for further disclosure is prohibited without prior written authorization of the participant/authorized representative to whom it pertains unless otherwise permitted by law.