Before we start our psychiatric treatment session using telemedicine, I need to inform you and you need to understand that:

• You are consenting to the discussion of your confidential and protected health information and psychotherapy by interactive audio, video, or data communications, so called “telemedicine,” which includes the exchange of information, both orally and visually, as if we were having a discussion at my office.

• You have the right to withhold or withdraw consent at any time without affecting your right to future care or treatment, or risking the loss or withdrawal of any program benefits to which you may otherwise be entitled.

• The information disclosed by you during the course of your psychiatric treatment is generally confidential under law, unless such disclosures are mandated or permitted under law such as for, among other reasons, reporting child, elder, and dependent adult abuse; or if there are expressed threats of violence towards an ascertainable victim.

• There are risks and consequences from telemedicine, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite reasonable efforts on the part of me, that: the transmission of your medical information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures, or interrupted or intercepted by unauthorized persons during transmission and/or electronic storage of your medical information.

• My telemedicine based services and care may not be as complete as face-to-face services, and we agree that you may be better served by another form of psychiatric treatment services (e.g. face-to-face services) which we can further discuss.

• You understand that there are potential risks and benefits associated with any form of psychiatric treatment, and that despite our best efforts, your condition may not improve, and in some cases may even get worse.

• You will be asked by clinic staff and/or your provider that you have read and accept the terms of this consent.