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**Statement of Understanding**

I am pleased that you have chosen me as your therapist and I am committed to providing you the best possible care. In the interest of you having the most positive experience here, I have outlined some information about how I work.

**Confidentiality**

The fact that you come here and the things you tell me are kept in confidence with the following exceptions:

- Clear and present danger to self or others.
- Suspected abuse of a minor, elderly person or handicapped person (in which case I am legally required to report the incident to the proper authorities).
- Signed authorization by you to disclose information to a third party.
- Court order requiring my records.
- Discussions with peer professionals (without identifying data).
- **If you are using insurance, I am required to provide a mental health diagnosis and any other information requested by the insurance company in order to process your claim. I have no control over the confidentiality of this information after it leaves my office.**

**Payment Policy**

- Full session fee or co-pay if you are using insurance is due in full at the beginning of each session by way of cash or personal check.
- There is a \$25.00 charge for returned checks.

**Structure and Cancellation Policy**

- Sessions are 50 minutes unless otherwise discussed.
- Your appointment time is reserved for you. If you miss your session or cancel with less than 24 hours notice, the **full session fee** will be charged.

**I have read and understand the above information and agree to comply with the cancellation policy.**

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Signature

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Date