



## PSYCHIATRY TELEMEDICINE INFORMED CONSENT

### Introduction to Telemedicine for Psychiatry:

- Telemedicine is the delivery of medical services using interactive technologies (use of audio, video or other electronic communications) between a provider and a patient who are not in the same physical location.
- The interactive technologies used in telemedicine incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the confidentiality of patient information transmitted via any electronic channel. These protocols include measures to safeguard the data and to aid in protecting against intentional or unintentional corruption.

### Equipment, Technology and Software Security Protocols:

- I will need access to, and familiarity with, the appropriate equipment and technology in order to participate in the service provided.
- ***I am using my own equipment*** to communicate and not equipment owned by another, and specifically not using my employer's computer or network. I am aware that any information I enter into an employer's computer can be considered by the courts to belong to my employer and my privacy may thus be compromised.
- Electronic systems used will incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the privacy and security of health information and imaging data and will include measures to safeguard the data to ensure its integrity against intentional or unintentional corruption. The electronic systems are HIPAA-compliant.

### Risks, Benefits & Limitations:

- This service is provided by technology (including but not limited to video, phone, text, apps and email) and does not involve direct face to face communication.
- These services rely on technology, which allows for greater convenience in service delivery.
- There are risks in transmitting information over technology that include, but are not limited to breaches of confidentiality, theft of personal information, and disruption of service due to technical difficulties.
- Risks of declining psychiatric treatment may include worsening of symptoms, adverse effects of medications, injury to the person or death. Therefore, if declining psychiatric telemedicine services, Psychiatry and Wellness of Reno strongly encourages you to establish with a psychiatric provider to continue your medical care.
- I understand that telemedicine is a new delivery method for professional services, in an area not yet fully validated by research, and may have potential risks, possibly including some that are not yet recognized.
- Among the risks that are presently recognized is the possibility that the technology will fail before or during the telemedicine service, that the transmitted information in any form will be unclear or inadequate for proper use in the service(s), and that the information will be intercepted by an unauthorized person or persons.

By signing below, I agree to the above and give my consent to receive telemedicine services from Sugi Psychiatry and Wellness.

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Patient Signature

Date