## Confidentiality Agreement

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(Middle)

Guardian

In order to provide the highest quality of service and maintain ethical standards, the client's confidentiality will be protected as follows:

# **Confidentiality Statements**

Consideration for privacy of the client is very important. Issues addressed in counseling sessions are confidential. The following topics of information, by law, cannot be treated as confidential:

#### Duty To Warn - Confidentiality

### The following are exceptions to confidentiality:

- I am required by law to report any incidence of suspected child abuse, neglect, or molestation in order to protect the child involved;
- · In legal cases, I or my records may be subpoenaed by the court system;
- Whenever obligated by law or a judge to share confidential information;
- · Whenever there is a legal exception to confidentiality;
- You authorize me to notify relevant other (including a possible victim) and/or law enforcement authorities, if I judge that a client has an intention to harm self or others.

#### Other Exceptions to Confidentiality are as follows:

- Managed care organizations usually require that I consult with their case managers and provide progress updates to their organization. This is how their personnel determines whether to provide you with necessary authorization for visits. If you have a managed care plan, I have no control over the data required by your organization once it leaves my office.
- Insurance verification
- In divorce cases in which parents share joint custody, either parent has a right to the child's record, unless otherwise stipulated in the divorce decrees.

Your signature indicates that you are aware that your insurance carrier (HMO, Managed Care) may ask to review your file. If that should ever occur, I will notify you. If you should refuse to allow your file to be submitted to your insurance carrier, your insurance carrier may refuse to pay for the service.

(Signature of Client)

(Date)

(Signature of Witness)

(Date)