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## **Informed Consent Care for Telepsychological Services**

- There are potential benefits and risks of video-conferencing (e.g. limits to patient confidentiality) that differ from in-person sessions.
- Confidentiality still applies for telepsychology services, and nobody will record the session without the permission from the others person(s).
- We agree to use the video-conferencing platform "Doxy" selected for our virtual sessions, and the therapist will explain how to use it.
- You need to use a webcam or smartphone during the session utilizing Chrome or Firefox browsers. Facetime is **NOT** an approved or compliant form of Telepsychological Services.
- It is important to be in a quiet, private space that is free of distractions (including cell phone or other devices) during the session.
- It is important to use a secure internet connection rather than public/free Wi-Fi.
- It is important to be on time. If you need to cancel or change your tele-appointment, you must notify the therapist in advance by phone or email.
- We need a back-up plan (e.g., phone number where you can be reached) to restart the session or to reschedule it, in the event of technical problems.
- We need a safety plan that includes at least one emergency contact and the closest emergency room to your location, in the event of a crisis situation.
- If you are NOT an adult, we need the permission of your parent or legal guardian (and their contact information) for you to participate in telepsychology sessions.
- You should confirm with your insurance company that the video sessions will be reimbursed; if they are not reimbursed, you are responsible for full payment.
- As your therapist, I may determine that due to certain circumstances, telepsychology is no longer appropriate and that we should resume our sessions in-person.

Robert R. Iddings, PhD

Licensed Psychologist/Owner

03/16/2020

Date