

**SUMMARY OF THERAPIST PATIENT AGREEMENT
for the office of Sheryl R. Jacobs, Ph.D. P.C.**

(Initial)

_____ I have been made aware that there is a Therapist Patient Agreement and Maryland Notice Form on Dr. Sheryl R. Jacobs' website (www.sheryljacobs.com) and that I have either read this document on her website or can download a copy for my records. If I do not have internet access I have been provided with a copy of Dr. Jacobs' Therapist Patient Agreement and Maryland Notice Form, or reviewed a copy at her office.

_____ Payment of fees is required at the time of the visit for out of network services.. Dr. Jacobs will be glad to complete any outpatient treatment plans necessary in order for me to receive my out of network benefits. However, I understand that if I have an HMO or Medicare, I will need to sign a Private Patient Contract with Dr. Jacobs, and will not be able to submit for reimbursement through this insurance. Dr. Jacobs can provide me with a statement with the necessary insurance information that I may use in order to be reimbursed.

_____ I WOULD or WOULD NOT (circle one) like Dr. Jacobs to electronically file one claim for each date of service as indicated on my patient registration packet.

_____ Dr. Jacobs requires 48 hours advance notice of cancellation or I will be billed a late cancellation/no show fee of \$75 for the session.

_____ I understand that I am required to obtain authorization for mental health services by contacting my PPO or POS insurance company, and I will keep Dr. Jacobs informed of any changes in my insurance plan.

_____ If I am unable to reach Dr. Jacobs directly in case of emergency, I have been told to call her emergency number (cell) at 410-409 2135 or call 911 or proceed to the nearest emergency room if I cannot wait for a return call.

_____ Email is not considered a secure or confidential form of communication and therefore should not be used for communication. Encrypted email may be used per the instructions made available to me by the Encrypting Email Form.

_____ Email is not checked on a regular basis and therefore should not be used for emergency communications or for same day or late cancellations.

_____ Text messaging is not considered a secure or confidential form of communication, and should not be used for routine or emergency communication.

_____ I WOULD or WOULD NOT (circle one) like to receive email reminders about my appointments.
These reminders will be sent two days before the appointment, in order to allow for appropriate changes in your appointment time if necessary. The email will include the date and time of your appointment and my name, but this message will not be encrypted. Health Care information can be lost, delayed, intercepted, delivered to the wrong email or corrupted. If you understand these risks, and would like me to send you an email reminder please initial. Also, I will use the email below if you have agreed to email reminders.

Email _____

_____ Services provided by Dr. Sheryl Jacobs are confidential with the exceptions listed in the Therapist-Patient Services Agreement and the Maryland Notice Privacy Act. For example, confidentiality may be broken in instances such as suspected child abuse, or if a client is posing a risk to themselves or others.

YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS AND ALSO SERVES AS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE HIPAA NOTICE FORMS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Patient Signature

Therapist Signature

Date

Date