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PRIVACY RIGHTS STATEMENT

DATA PRIVACY AND PATIENTS' ACCESS TO RECORDS:

As a psychologist I am required to maintain information about clients who receive services. Most of this information or data is protected by Minnesota law and classified as private and is, therefore, not accessible to the public. Under the provisions of these laws you have a right to:

1. Be told what information is being kept about you and how it will help to provide service to you.
2. Be told that you may refuse to give any information and be told how this may affect services for you.
3. See the information on file about you and what it means. If you request copies they will be provided at your expense. You may request correction of any information or add to it if you think it is not correct or incomplete. Confidential information, such as adoption records is not available to you.

REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE AND LIFE-THREATENING BEHAVIOR

There are times when I must break confidentiality and reveal information about you. I am required by law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult. If suicide or other life threatening behavior is suspected, I may have to notify appropriate persons without your consent. And, finally, I have a duty to warn if you disclose that you intend to take the life of another human being.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If you have a complaint or concern about the way service was provided, please discuss it with me. This can be beneficial to your course of treatment. If we cannot resolve the issue to your satisfaction I can assist you in finding another therapist who would best meet your needs.
