

# SYNERGY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## CONSENT FOR EVALUATION & TREATMENT

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1. **Consent to Evaluate/Treat:** I voluntarily consent to participate in a mental health (e.g. psychological or psychiatric) evaluation and/or treatment by staff from Synergy Mental Health Services, Inc. I understand that prior to evaluation and/or treatment, complete and accurate information will be provided concerning each of the following areas:
  - a. The benefits of the proposed treatment
  - b. Alternative treatment modes and services
  - c. The manner in which treatment will be administered
  - d. Possible consequences of not receiving treatment

The evaluation or treatment will be conducted by a Qualified Mental Health Professional, Qualified Mental Health Associate or Qualified Behavior Aide, as defined by NV DHCFP. Treatment will be conducted within the boundaries of Nevada Mental Health Law.

2. **Benefits to Evaluation/Treatment:** Evaluation and treatment may be administered with psychological interviews, psychological assessment or testing, psychotherapy, psychosocial rehabilitation, basic skills training, as well as expectations regarding the length and frequency of treatment. It may be beneficial to me, as well as the referring professional, to understand the nature and cause of any difficulties affecting my daily functioning, so that appropriate recommendations and treatments may be offered. Uses of this evaluation include diagnosis, evaluation of recovery or treatment, estimating prognosis, and education and rehabilitation planning. Possible benefits to treatment include improved cognitive or academic/job performance, health status, quality of life, and awareness of strengths and limitations.
3. **Charges:** Fees are based on the length or type of the evaluation or treatment, which are determined by the nature of the service. I will be responsible for any charges not covered by insurance, including co-payments, deductibles, and charges for missed appointments. Fees are available to me upon request.
4. **Confidentiality, Harm, and Inquiry:** Information from my evaluation and/or treatment is contained in a confidential medical record at Synergy Mental Health, and I consent to disclosure for use by Synergy Mental Health staff for the purpose of continuity of my care. Per HIPAA confidentiality law, information provided will be kept confidential with the following exceptions: 1) if I am deemed to present a danger to myself or others; 2) if concerns about possible abuse or neglect arise; 3) if a court order is issued to obtain records; or 4) a medical emergency.
5. **Right to Withdraw Consent:** I have the right to withdraw my consent for evaluation and/or treatment at any time by providing a written request to the treating clinician.
6. **Expiration of Consent:** This consent to treat will expire one year from the date of signature, unless otherwise specified.

I have read and understand the above, have had an opportunity to ask questions about this information, and I consent to the evaluation and treatment. I also attest that I have the right to consent for treatment. I understand that I have the right to ask questions of my service provider about the above information at any time. I understand that I have the right to select the Medicaid provider of my choice.

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Client Signature

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Date

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Legal Guardian Signature

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Date

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Client Name (Print)

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Client DOB

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Witness

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Date