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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

The privacy of your health information is important to me. I will maintain the privacy of your health information and I will not disclose your information to others unless you tell me to do so, or unless the law authorizes or requires me to do so.

A new federal law commonly known as HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) requires that I take additional steps to keep you informed about how I may use information that is gathered in order to provide mental health care services to you. As part of this process, I am required to provide you with the attached Notice of Privacy Practices and to request that you sign the attached written acknowledgment that you have received a copy of the Notice. The Notice describes how I may use and disclose your protected health information to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. This Notice also describes your rights regarding health information I maintain about you and a brief description of how you may exercise these rights.

If you have any questions about this Notice please ask me.