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INFORMED CONSENT

We would like you to have a clear understanding of the services we provide and our expectations of you, our client. If you have questions or need clarification, please ask your therapist for assistance before you sign.

Services Offered

Stenzel Clinical Services, Ltd. Provides outpatient counseling services. We work with all age groups. Licensed practitioners provide individual, group, couples and family counseling, as well as case coordination.

We strive to return all messages as quickly as possible Monday through Friday. Routine messages left on the weekend may be returned Monday. We do not guarantee 24-hour crisis coverage and if your therapist is not available when you feel you are in crisis, please call DuPage Crisis line at 630-627-1700, proceed to your local hospital emergency room, or call 911.

Initial Assessment, Diagnosis, and Counseling Process

Initial assessments take place at the first appointment. These appointments are used to gather data, complete intake information, and to determine the best course of care. A diagnosis will be given for each client being seen, just as with a visit to a medical doctor.

If ongoing counseling is recommended, we will diligently work to provide the best therapeutic methods and tools available. For counseling to be successful, your commitment to the process is essential. This includes regular attendance and active participation, homework between sessions to enhance or speed your growth, and completion of the process through planned termination of counseling services. You may begin to find some relief of symptoms initially, and it may be tempting to terminate. However, this initial relief is often temporary if counseling is stopped abruptly. Because all therapists want to see you have the greatest growth possible during the time you are here, we will work with you to plan a successful wrap-up. This is an important part of the counseling process, and we highly encourage you to honor your own effort by not neglecting this phase.

Fees and Insurance

Initial assessments are \$160. Standard sessions are \$135. Telephone consults less than 10 minutes are complementary if not overused. Phone sessions that last more than 10 minutes will be charged to the client directly, as phone sessions are not covered by insurance. Phone session are the same cost as office sessions. Payment is due at the time of service. Any checks returned by the bank will incur a fee. Any balances unpaid after 90 days will be forwarded to collections. All accounts forwarded to collections will incur a 25% Collection Fee. Continued non-payment will result in a report to the credit bureau and remain until the balance has been paid in full. We bill most insurance as a courtesy to you. If we are unable to bill your insurance company, you will be considered a Self-Pay client and must pay the full fee at the time of session. You will be given a receipt for your session, which you may use to request reimbursement from your insurance company. If you receive an insurance payment meant for us we ask that you send payments to us immediately.

Cancelled or Missed Appointments

Due to the nature of counseling services, we never overbook our schedules. We require 24-hours notification of cancellation. We charge an \$85 Cancellation Fee for any appointment not cancelled 24-hours in advance. If you are more than 20 minutes late for your scheduled appointment you may be asked to reschedule for another day and you will be charged the \$85 Cancellation Fee. Insurance companies will not cover missed appointment fees. These fees are immediately due by you. Please note that two or more instances of missed appointments without notifying your therapist may result in termination of services. In the event of inclement weather, as determined by the local school district, the cancellation fee may be waived. To have your fee waived you must contact the office prior to your appointment to notify the therapist that you will not arrive due to inclement weather. You are financially responsible for the time you have reserved with your therapist. You will be billed for any services not covered by insurance.

Confidentiality

Legal and ethical standards require us to maintain confidentiality. Information cannot be divulged to any outside parties without your written consent with the following exceptions: if you are or become a danger to yourself or others, we become aware of any real or alleged abuse to children, elderly, or incapacitated people (in which case we are mandated reporters of the State of Illinois), and if we receive a properly issued subpoena accompanied by a court order to produce records.

Our LPC and ALMFT therapists are supervised at Stenzel Clinical Services. If you have questions, please call our office. If you are here with family members, your therapist will discuss expectations and limitations of confidentiality.

Transfer Plan

In the event of incapacitation, death, or termination of a therapist's practice at Stenzel Clinical during your care, your records will remain in our possession and a new therapist will be made available to you. If you desire to transfer care outside of our practice, you may sign a release of records and we will release a standard extract from your file to the initial intake and most resent progress notes. It is our standard policy to release records directly to another provider. Any variance will be arranged by the Director/designee.

Notice of Privacy Policies and Clients Rights

I hereby acknowledge that I have been offered the "Notice of Privacy Policies and Clients Rights."

Agreement I have read and understand the above statement on services, policies, and procedures. My signature below indicates that I give my full consent to receive services at Stenzel Clinical Services, Ltd.

Client Signature (age 17 & over)	Date
Client Signature (age 12-16)	Date
Client guardian (for minors)	Date
Signature (other family member in session)	Date



☐ Loss of meaning of life

□ Purposefully isolating

☐ Recent loss of someone close to me

☐ Binging/Purging

□ Feelings of guilt

□ Loss of friendship

□ Restricting food intake

The following questions are designed to help me understand your background. Please complete them as they apply to you. Thank you. Highest education completed: □ High School/GED □ Some College □ College □ Graduate/Other Is there a racial or ethnic group you identify with that you'd like me to be aware of? Do you consider your spiritual life a resource? ☐ Y ☐ N What is your religious affiliation (optional)_ _____ Attendance:

Regularly
Sometimes
Never **Family Members** Age/Deceased Name Relationship Phone Email Has anyone in your family of origin had counseling? □ Y □ N If yes, for what? _____ Are you in any way fearful of your current partner? □ Y □ N Does your partner have angry outburst or temper tantrums? □ Y □ N Has your partner ever pushed, grabbed, slapped, or hit you? ☐ Y ☐ N Date of your last physical:_____(M/Y) Please list any specific medical conditions that you have ____ Are you taking prescription medications currently? □ Y □ N If yes, please list:_____ How long have you been taking this? _____ Who prescribed it for you? Have you been in therapy in the past? □ Y □ N If yes, when, for what, how long and with whom?_____ Was therapy helpful? What is your reason for contacting Stenzel Clinical Services, and seeking therapy? What are your goals for therapy? Is there anything else that you feel is important to this therapy process?_______ **Reasons for Therapy** Please check any of the following that apply to you at present: ☐ Suicidal thoughts □ Always tired ☐ Trouble sleeping □ Loss of weight ☐ Poor appetite ☐ Weight gain ☐ Fast heartbeat □ Dizziness ☐ Shaky hands □ Bullied ☐ Muscles twitching ☐ Nausea or Vomiting □ Headaches ☐ Shy with people ☐ Unable to be forgiven ☐ Chronic illness ☐ Full of energy ☐ Financial problems ☐ Marital problems □ Difficulties at work ☐ Excessive drinking ☐ Excessive use of drugs ☐ Excessive spending □ Pornography use □ Problems with children □ Problems with parents □ Overly ambitious ☐ Difficulties at school ☐ Homicidal thoughts ☐ Crying spells ☐ Lacking confidence ☐ Feeling easily hurt ☐ Feeling grouchy □ Depressed ☐ Feeling tense ☐ Feeling inferior □ Feeling lonely ☐ No one understands me ☐ Worried about health ☐ Can't concentrate ☐ Can't get going □ Feeling angry ☐ Don't like being alone ☐ Always worried □ Nightmares □ Feeling panicky ☐ Can't make decisions ☐ Can't make friends ☐ Unable to relax ☐ Feeling fearful ☐ Anxious inside □ Panic/anxiety attacks ☐ Sexual problems ☐ Fighting/quarreling often ☐ Other ___ ☐ Feel like smashing things □ Easily excited ☐ Impatient with people □ Very restless

□ Unable to pray

□ Quick tempered/loss of temper

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□ Confused about personal religious practice

□ Self-harm

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☐ Unable to forgive

□ Not enjoying usual activities



Signature of cardholder/guarantor

Therapist:	

Date

Credit/Debit Card Authorization Form

Stenzel Clinical Services prefers that all patients have a credit card on file. This assists in the collection of payments due at the time of service and balances that accrue. Account numbers are kept secure. Charges and fees are described in the Benefits Inquiry and Informed Consent.

I authorize Stenzel Clinical Services to process payments on my credit/debit card for any and all balances that may accrue for sessions at Stenzel Clinical Services. This includes cost of sessions, co-pays, co-insurance, phone consultation and no show charges. Client Name DOB Cardholder Name (Please print) DOB Card Number (16 digits) Expiration Date (M/Y) V Code (3 digits) Type of card o Visa Master Card o Discover Credit Card Billing Address: Zip Code City