

My Psychiatric Partner, LLC (MPP)

NOTICE OF INFORMED CONSENT

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PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY. If you have questions, you may call 855-677-1677 (855-MPP-1MPP).

Telepsychiatry involves the use of electronic communications to enable a healthcare provider at a remote location to obtain patient medical information for the purpose of providing healthcare. The information may be used for diagnosis, treatment, and/or education. The information may be obtained by secure, real-time, two-way video and audio, and in some cases telephone, secure email communication, or HIPPA-compliant text messaging.

Electronic systems used will incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the confidentiality of patient identification and data, and will include measures to safeguard that information and to ensure its integrity against intentional or unintentional corruption. Furthermore, MPP operates under the principle that no assessment or treatment should be undertaken if it is limited in any manner by the mode of communication.

Expected Benefits:

- Improved access to medical care by enabling a patient to remain in his/her local healthcare site or home while the physician consults at distant/other sites.
- More efficient medical evaluation and management.
- Obtaining the expertise of a specialist.

Possible Risks:

The same potential risks associated with any traditional, in-person medical encounter also exist with the use of telepsychiatry. The particular risks specific to telepsychiatry include, but may not be limited to:

- The consultant may determine that the transmitted information is of inadequate quality, thus necessitating a face-to-face meeting with the patient, or at least a rescheduled video consultation;
- Delays in medical evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment;

- Security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information; and
- A lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions, allergic reactions, or errors in judgment.

By scheduling a visit with an MPP Provider, you acknowledge, understand and agree that:

1. The laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of medical information also apply to telepsychiatry.
2. You have the right to withhold or withdraw your consent to the use of telepsychiatry at any time, without affecting your right to future care or treatment.
3. Alternatives to telepsychiatry exist, so in choosing to participate in a telepsychiatry consultation, you are freely and voluntarily electing to receive your care in this manner.
4. Telepsychiatry may involve electronic communication of your personal medical information to other medical practitioners.
5. While you may realize the anticipated benefits from the use of telepsychiatry, no results can be guaranteed or assured.
6. If individuals other than your healthcare provider (e.g. nurse or administrator) are present during the consultation, they will maintain the confidentiality of the information obtained. Furthermore, you will be informed of their presence in the consultation and thus will have the right to request the following: (1) that specific, personally-sensitive details of your history not be discussed; (2) to ask others to leave the telepsychiatry examination room; and/or (3) to terminate the consultation at any time.

Patient Consent To The Use of Telepsychiatry

By scheduling a telepsychiatry visit with an MPP Provider, you understand and accept the risks and benefits, and hereby give your informed consent to participate in a telepsychiatry visit under the terms described herein. You are attesting to having read and understood the information provided above regarding telepsychiatry, and that all of your questions have been answered to your satisfaction. Finally, by agreeing and consenting, you are affirming that your ability to consent is not impaired by any physical or mental conditions, that your right to consent to medical services have not been removed by a court of law, and that you do not have an alternative decision-maker, such as a guardian or conservator.