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**Individual Therapy Intake
(Couples - each person completes their own)**

Today's Date: _____

Patient Full Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home or Alternate Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Education Level: HS Bachelor Masters/Doctorate

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Relationship Status: Single Married Divorced/Separated Committed Relationship Widowed

Will you be filing a claim with your insurance? __Yes__ No Insurance Company: _____

How were you referred to our office? _____

Are you court ordered to seek therapy? Yes or No

If yes, please list attorney or probation officer and phone number: _____

Do you have children? Yes or No Name and ages of children: _____

Patient Assessment

In filling out this form you are welcome to provide as much information as you would like. If you find a question that you desire to leave blank, you are welcome to do so for any reason. Your counselor will review this form and if they have any questions regarding your answers, she will follow up with you in session.

Presenting Problem

Briefly describe the reason(s) for seeking therapy and the issues that you would like to be address:

What do you think it would take to improve the situation?

How have you tried to address the problem in the past? What have you tried and were the changes better worse?

Family Background

Please list other family members either living in the household

Name	Age	Gender	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Are there cultural or religious beliefs that are important to be aware of?

Yes or No If yes, please explain: _____

Please circle any past, present, or impending problems/stressors in the family:

- Physical / Sexual abuse Isolation Deaths Financial/unemployment Frequent relocations
Divorce Legal issues Emotional/Behavioral Concerns Health Concerns Alcohol/Drug Addictions
Eating Disorders Suicide Attempts/Ideation Learning Disabilities High Conflict family relationships

If yes for whom? _____

Please specify details and approximate year of occurrences:

In what city(s) were you lived? _____

What is your spouse's/partner's name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____ Education: _____ How long together? _____

Have you personally experienced significant abuse?

None Unsure Emotional Physical Sexual

In general, how happy or adjusted are/were you growing up?

Poor Unsatisfactory Average Substantial

Is your immediate family a source of emotional support for you? _____

Who in your family do you currently feel closest too? _____ Most distant from: _____

In most conflict with: _____

Do you have a support system other than your family that you can rely on? _____

Health History

How is your current physical health? Excellent Good Fair Poor

Please list any medical problems/symptoms and/or diagnosis (e.g., headaches, chronic pain, diabetes, conditions, etc.): _____

Please list any prescribed medications you are presently taking, including dosage and frequency: _____

Are you having problems with sleep? Sleep too little Sleep too much Insomnia Disturbing Dreams

Do you have an exercise routine? Yes No If yes, how many times per week? _____

Do you have difficulty with appetite or eating habits? (if yes, please describe: _____

Eating less Eating More Binge Eating Restricting calories

Do you engage in recreational drug use? Yes or No If yes, what and how often: _____

Do you consider this use to be a problem? Yes or No

Do you drink alcohol? Yes or No

In a typical month, how often do you have 4 or more drinks in a 24-hour period? _____

Have you ever tried to cut down on the amount of alcohol you consume? Yes or No

Has anyone close to you even been concerned by your drinking? Yes or No

Mental Health History

Have you ever experienced legal problems? Yes or No If, yes please describe: _____

Have you previously participated in counseling or psychotherapy? Yes or No If yes, was it helpful? Please describe the purpose and approximately when? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons? Yes or No

If yes, please specify the details/dates: _____

Have you had suicidal thoughts recently? Yes or No If yes, how often? _____

Have you had them in the past? Yes or No If yes, how often? _____

Have you ever intentionally inflicted harm upon yourself? Yes or No If yes, nature of harm: _____

Approximately how many people can you count on currently for friendship or emotional support? _____

Approximately how many significant intimate relationships lasting six months or more have you had? _____

Are you currently in one? Yes or No Have you been married previously? Yes or No

Do you have any concerns about sexual functioning or intimacy? Yes or No If yes please circle below

Performance problems

Sexual Impulsiveness

Lack of Desire

Difficulty maintaining arousal

Worry about STD's

Other: _____

What is your sexual orientation? _____

Have you experienced any significant stressors or traumatic event? Yes or No

If yes, when? _____ Nature of experience: _____

Have you experienced a sexual assault or molestation? Yes or No

Personal Assessment

How does the future look to you? Excellent Good Fair Poor

What are your future plans? _____

How do you spend your leisure time? _____

What are your strengths? _____

Permission for Treatment

In presenting my family for diagnosis and treatment, I voluntarily consent to the rendering of counseling services provided by Christina Szarka, MSW MSTL. I acknowledge no guarantees have been made to me as to the effect of treatment on his/her condition. I acknowledge that I am responsible for payment of all charges including any charges not reimbursed by insurance in connection with care and treatment. I acknowledge that I am not enrolled with Medicare or Medicaid, should that change, I will notify my provider immediately. I have read this statement and acknowledge that I understand it.

Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature

COLORADO NOTICE FORM OF HIPAA LEGISLATION

Notice of Psychotherapist's Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of Your Health Information

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

I. Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations

Your counselor may use or disclose your protected health information (PHI), for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes with your consent. To help clarify these terms, here are some definitions:

- “PHI” refers to information in your health record that could identify you.
- “Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations”
 - Treatment is when your counselor provides, coordinates or manages your health care and other services related to your health care. An example of treatment would be when your counselor consults with another health care provider, such as your family physician or another psychotherapist.
 - Payment is when you obtain reimbursement for your healthcare. Examples are if your counselor discloses your PHI to your health insurer for reimbursement for health care.
 - Health Care Operations are activities that relate to the performance and operation of your counselor’s practice. Examples of health care operations are quality assessment and improvement activities, business related matters such as audits, administrative services, case management, and care coordination.
- “Use” applies only to activities within your counselor’s [office, clinic, practice group, etc.] such as sharing, employing, applying, utilizing, examining, and analyzing information that identifies you.
- “Disclosure” applies to activities outside of your counselor’s [office, clinic, practice group, etc.] such as releasing, transferring, or providing access to information about you to other parties.

II. Uses and Disclosures Requiring Authorization

Your counselor may use or disclose PHI for purposes outside of treatment, payment, or health care operations when your appropriate authorization is obtained. An “authorization” is written permission above and beyond the general consent that permits only specific disclosures. In those instances when your counselor is asked for information for purposes outside of treatment, payment or health care operations, your counselor will obtain an authorization from you before releasing this information. Your counselor will also need to obtain an authorization before releasing your notes. “Psychotherapy Notes” are notes your counselor has made about your conversation during a private, group, joint, or family counseling session, which your counselor has kept separate from the rest of your medical record. These notes are given a greater degree of protection than PHI. You may revoke all such authorizations (of PHI or Psychotherapy Notes) at any time, provided each revocation is in writing. You may not revoke an authorization to the extent that (1) your counselor has relied on that authorization; or (2) if the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, law provides the insurer the right to contest the claim under the policy.

III. Uses and Disclosures with Neither Consent nor Authorization

Your counselor may use or disclose PHI without your consent or authorization in the following circumstances:

- **Child Abuse** – If your counselor has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, your counselor must immediately report this to the appropriate authorities.
- **Adult and Domestic Abuse** – If your counselor has reasonable cause to believe that an at-risk adult has been mistreated, self-neglected, or financially exploited and is at imminent risk of mistreatment, self-neglect, or financial exploitation, then your counselor must report this belief to the appropriate authorities.
- **Health Oversight Activities** – If the Grievance Board for Unlicensed Psychotherapists or an authorized professional review committee is reviewing my services, your counselor may disclose PHI to that board or committee.
- **Judicial and Administrative Proceedings** – If you are involved in a court proceeding and a request is made for information about your diagnosis and treatment or the records thereof, such information is privileged under state law, and your counselor will not release information without your written authorization or a court order. The privileged does not apply when you are being evaluated or a third party or where the evaluation is court ordered. You will be informed in advance if this is the case.
- **Serious Threat to Health or Safety** – If you communicate to your counselor a serious threat of imminent physical violence against a specific person or persons, your counselor has a duty to notify any person or persons specifically threatened, as well as a duty to notify an appropriate law enforcement agency or by taking other appropriate action. If your counselor believes that you are at imminent risk of inflicting serious harm on yourself, your counselor may disclose information necessary to protect you. In either case, your counselor may disclose information in order to initiate hospitalization.

IV. Patient's Rights and Psychotherapist's Duties

Patient's Rights:

- **Right to Request Restrictions** – You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information regarding you. However, your counselor is not required to agree to a restriction you request.
- **Right to Receive Confidential Communications by Alternative Means and at Alternative Locations** – You have the right to request and receive confidential communications of PHI by alternative means and at alternative locations. (For example, you may not want a family member to know that you are seeing your counselor. On your request, your counselor will send your bills to another address.)
- **Right to Inspect and Copy** – You have the right to inspect or obtain a copy (or both) of PHI in your counselor's mental health and billing records used to make decisions about you for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. Your counselor may deny your access to PHI under certain circumstances, but in some cases you may have this decision reviewed. On your request, your counselor will discuss with you the details of the request and denial process.
- **Right to Amend** – You have the right to request an amendment of PHI for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. Your counselor may deny your request. On your request, your counselor will discuss with you the details of the amendment process.
- **Right to an Accounting** – You generally have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of PHI. On your request, your counselor will discuss with you the details of the accounting process.

- Right to a Paper Copy – You have the right to obtain a paper copy of the notice from me upon request, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically.
- You are entitled to receive information from your counselor regarding the methods of therapy, the techniques used, the duration of therapy (if known), and fee structure.
- You are entitled to seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time.

Psychotherapist’s Duties:

- Your counselor is required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide you with a notice of his or her legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI.
- Your counselor reserves the right to change the privacy policies and practices described in this notice. Unless your counselor notifies you of such changes, however, your counselor is required to abide by the terms currently in effect.
- If Christina Szarka revises her policies and procedures, she will notify you by mail.

V. Questions and Complaints

If you have questions about this notice, disagree with a decision your counselor makes about access to your records, or have other concerns about your privacy rights, you are encouraged to discuss this with your counselor prior to your first session. If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated and wish to file a complaint, you may send your written complaint to: Christina Szarka 6860 S. Yosemite Ct #2000 Centennial, CO 80112. You may also send a written complaint to the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202. You have specific rights under the Privacy Rule.

IV. Effective Date, Restrictions, and Changes to Privacy Policy

This notice will go into effect on the date you sign this notice. Integrated Health Center, LLC reserves the right to change the terms of this notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all PHI that your counselor maintains. Christina Szarka, MSW will provide you with a revised notice by mail within ten business days prior to changes.

VII. Client Signature

I have read the above terms and understand them as stated. I have been informed of my therapist’s policies and practices to protect the privacy of my health information.

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Client Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
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Therapist Name (Printed)	Signature	Date

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AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE / INFORMED CONSENT

This Agreement is intended to provide _____ (herein "Patient") with important information regarding the practices, policies and procedures of Christina Szarka, MSW MSTL (herein "Therapist") and to clarify the terms of the professional therapeutic relationship between Therapist and Patient. Any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this Agreement should be discussed with Therapist prior to signing it.

Risks and Benefits of Therapy

Psychotherapy is a process in which Therapist and Patient discuss a myriad of issues, events, experiences, and memories for the purpose of creating positive change. Progress and success may vary depending upon the particular problems or issues being addressed, as well as many other factors.

Participating in therapy may result in a number of benefits to patient, including, but not limited to, reduced stress and anxiety, a decrease in negative thoughts and self-sabotaging behaviors, improved interpersonal relationships, increased comfort in social, work, and family settings, increased capacity for intimacy, and increased self-confidence. Such benefits may also require substantial effort on the part of patient, including an active participation in the therapeutic process, honesty, and a willingness to change feelings, thoughts and behaviors. There is no guarantee that therapy will yield any or all the benefits listed above.

Participating in therapy may also involve some discomfort, including remembering and discussing unpleasant events, feelings, and experiences. The process may evoke strong feelings of sadness, anger, fear, etc. There may be times in which Therapist will challenge Patient's perceptions and assumptions and offer different perspectives. The issues presented by Patient may result in unintended outcomes, including changes in personal relationships. Patient should be aware that any decision on the status of his/her personal relationships is the responsibility of patient.

During the therapeutic process, many patients find that they feel worse before they feel better. This is generally a normal course of events. Personal growth and change may be easy and swift at times but may also be slow and frustrating. Patient should address any concerns he/she has regarding his/her progress in therapy with Therapist.

Professional Consultation

Professional consultation is an important component of a healthy psychotherapy practice. As such, Therapist regularly participates in clinical, ethical, and legal consultation with appropriate professionals. During such consultations, Therapist will not reveal any personally identifying information regarding patient.

Psychotherapy Regulation

Levels of Psychotherapy Regulation in Colorado include Licensing (requires minimum education, experience, and examination qualifications), Certification (requires minimum training, experience, and for certain levels, examination qualifications), and Unlicensed Therapist (formerly Registered Psychotherapist) (does not require minimum education, experience, or examination qualifications.) All levels of regulation require passing a jurisprudence take-home examination. Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate, complete required training hours and 1,000 hours of supervised experience. Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II) must complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience. Certified Addiction Counselor III (CAC III) must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral health, complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience. Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical master's degree and meet the CAC III requirements. Licensed Social Worker must hold a master's degree in social work. Psychologist Candidate, a Marriage and Family Therapist Candidate, and a Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate must hold the necessary licensing

degree and be in the process of completing the required supervision for licensure. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a master's degree in his or her profession and have two years of post-masters supervision. A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision. Registered Psychotherapist is a psychotherapist listed in Colorado's database and is authorized by law to practice psychotherapy in Colorado but is not licensed by the state and is not required to satisfy any standardized educational or testing requirements to obtain a registration from the state. Registered psychotherapists are required to take the jurisprudence exam.

Records and Record Keeping

Therapist may take notes during session and will also produce other notes and records regarding Patient's treatment. These notes constitute Therapist's clinical and business records, which by law, Therapist is required to maintain. Such records are the sole property of Therapist. Therapist will not alter his/her normal record keeping process at the request of any patient. Should Patient request a copy of Therapist's records, such a request must be made in writing. Therapist reserves the right, under Colorado law, to provide Patient with a treatment summary in lieu of actual records. Therapist also reserves the right to refuse to produce a copy of the record under certain circumstances, but may, as requested, provide a copy of the record to another treating health care provider. Therapist will maintain Patient's records for ten years following termination of therapy. However, after ten years, Patient's records will be destroyed in a manner that preserves Patient's confidentiality.

Confidentiality

The information disclosed by patient is generally confidential and will not be released to any third party without written authorization from Patient, except where required or permitted by law. Exceptions to confidentiality, include, but are not limited to, reporting child, elder and dependent adult abuse, when a patient makes a serious threat of violence towards a reasonably identifiable victim, or when a patient is dangerous to him/herself or the person or property of another.

Patient Litigation

Therapist will not voluntarily participate in any litigation, or custody dispute in which Patient and another individual, or entity, are parties. Therapist will generally not provide records or testimony unless compelled to do so. Should Therapist be subpoenaed, or ordered by a court of law, to appear as a witness in an action involving Patient, Patient agrees to reimburse Therapist for any time spent for preparation, travel, or other time in which Therapist has made him/herself available for such an appearance. Legal Services incurred on your behalf are charged at a higher rate including but not limited to attorney fees I may incur in preparing for or complying with the requested legal services, testimony related matters like case research, report writing, travel, depositions, actual testimony, cross examination time, and courtroom waiting time. Litigation fees are \$300.00 per hour.

Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege

The information disclosed by patient, as well as any records created, is subject to the Psychotherapist-patient privilege. The psychotherapist-patient privilege results from the special relationship between Therapist and Patient in the eyes of the law. It is akin to the attorney-client privilege or the doctor-patient privilege. Typically, the patient is the holder of the psychotherapist-patient privilege. If Therapist received a subpoena for records, deposition testimony, or testimony in a court of law, Therapist would assert the psychotherapist-patient privilege on Patient's behalf until instructed, in writing, to do otherwise by Patient or Patient's representative. Patient should be aware that he/she might be waiving the psychotherapist-patient privilege if he/she makes his/her mental or emotional state an issue in a legal proceeding. Patient should address any concerns he/she might have regarding the psychotherapist-patient privilege with his/her attorney.

Fee and Fee Arrangements

The usual and customary fee for service is \$125 per 50-minute session. At times, Therapist may suggest sessions of other lengths, and if accepted by patient, the fee will be negotiated at that time. Patient will be notified of any fee adjustment in advance. In addition, this fee may be adjusted by contract with insurance companies, managed care organizations, or other third-party payors, or by agreement with Therapist. If Patient wishes to use insurance benefits, a separate insurance fee consent will outline the fees specific to the individual's plan. From time-to-time, Therapist may engage in telephone contact with patient for purposes other than scheduling sessions. Patient is responsible for payment of the agreed upon fee (on a pro rata basis) for any telephone calls longer than ten minutes. In addition, from time-to-time, Therapist may engage in telephone contact with third parties at Patient's request and with Patient's advance written authorization. Patient is responsible for payment of the agreed upon fee (on a pro rata basis) for any telephone calls longer than ten minutes. Patients are expected to pay for services at the time services are rendered. Therapist accepts all major credit cards, checks, and cash. There is a \$35 returned check fee.

Cancellation Policy

Patient is responsible for payment of the agreed upon fee for any missed session(s). Patient is also responsible for payment of the agreed upon fee for any session(s) for which Patient failed to give Therapist at least 24 hours notice of cancellation. Cancellation notice should be left on Therapist's voice mail at 303-991-2217.

Medicaid

I am not a Medicaid Provider. If you have Medicaid coverage that includes mental health services, I am not able to offer you services.

Termination of Therapy

Therapist reserves the right to terminate therapy at his/her discretion. Reasons for termination include, but are not limited to, untimely payment of fees, failure to comply with treatment recommendations, conflicts of interest, failure to participate in therapy, Patient needs are outside of Therapist's scope of competence or practice, or Patient is not making adequate progress in therapy. Patient has the right to terminate therapy at his/her discretion. Upon either party's decision to terminate therapy, Therapist will generally recommend that Patient participate in at least one, or possibly more, termination sessions. These sessions are intended to facilitate a positive termination experience. Therapist will also attempt to ensure a smooth transition to another therapist by offering referrals to patient.

Therapist Availability

Therapist has confidential voice mail that allows Patient to leave a message at any time. Therapist will make every effort to return calls within 24 hours (or by the next business day) but cannot guarantee the calls will be returned immediately. Therapist is unable to provide 24 -hour crisis service. In the event that Patient is feeling unsafe or requires immediate medical or psychiatric assistance, he/she should call 911 or their county crisis line or go to the nearest emergency room.

Therapist Communications and social media

Therapist may need to communicate with patient in between sessions. Please review the following considerations and indicate contact preferences below.

Email communication and text messaging is used only with patient permission. If Patient chooses to communicate with Therapist by email, it should be with the understanding that all emails are retained in the logs of Patient’s and Therapist’s Internet service providers. While it is unlikely that someone will be looking at these logs, they are, in theory, available to be read by the system administrator(s) of the Internet service provider. If Patient chooses to use text messaging, it should be with the understanding that messages may be inadvertently seen by others, either by access to Patient’s phone or via the preview window.

Emails or text messages Therapist receives from patient and any responses may become a part of Patient’s therapy record. Therapist does not accept friend or contact requests from current or former clients on any social networking site (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.). In addition, if it’s discovered that an online relationship has inadvertently been established, that relationship will be cancelled. This is because these types of casual social contacts can jeopardize Patient confidentiality as well as the therapeutic relationship. As I live and work in the same community as my patients, I will not initiate or acknowledge patients or their families unless they approach me first. My priority is to honor our confidentiality and do not want to create an uncomfortable interaction without your permission.

Phone: _____

	Preferred		Okay to use
	Okay to leave voicemail		Do not use
	Okay to text		Would like text reminders

Email: _____

	Preferred		Okay to use
	Email appointment reminders		Do not use
			Send billing notices via email

Acknowledgement

By signing below, Patient acknowledges that he/she has reviewed and fully understands the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Patient has discussed such terms and conditions with Therapist and has had any questions with regard to its terms and conditions answered to Patient’s satisfaction. Patient agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement and consents to participate in psychotherapy with Therapist. Moreover, Patient agrees to hold Therapist free and harmless from any claims, demands, or suits for damages from any injury or complications whatsoever, including negligence, that may result from such treatment.

Patient Name (please print)

Signature of Patient (or authorized representative) Date

Signature of Therapist Date