

Authorization for Electronic Communication

As a convenience to me, I hereby request that Hearthstone Counseling Associates communicate with me regarding my treatment by Hearthstone Counseling Associates via electronic communications; text message and/or email. I understand that this means Hearthstone Counseling Associates and/or my treating providers will transmit my protected health information such as information about my appointments, diagnosis, medications, progress and other individually identifiable information about my treatment to me via electronic communications.

I understand there are risks inherent in the electronic transmission of information by e-mail, on the internet, via text message, or otherwise, and that such communications may be lost, delayed, intercepted, corrupted or otherwise altered, rendered incomplete or fail to be delivered. I further understand that any protected health information transmitted via electronic communications pursuant to this authorization may not be encrypted. As the electronic transmission of information cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free and its confidentiality may be vulnerable to access by unauthorized third parties, Hearthstone Counseling Associates shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to any error, omission, claim or loss arising from or in connection with the electronic communication of information by Hearthstone Counseling Associates to me.

After being provided notice of the risks inherent in use of electronic communications, I hereby expressly authorize Hearthstone Counseling Associates to communicate electronically with me, which will include the transmission of my protected health information electronically. I understand that in the event I no longer wish to receive electronic communications from Hearthstone Counseling Associates, I may revoke this authorization by providing *written* notice to Hearthstone Counseling Associates at 515-279-2834 EXT 1 or fax to 515-279-4168

I agree that Hearthstone Counseling Associates may communicate with me electronically unless and until I revoke this authorization by submitting notice to Hearthstone Counseling Associates in writing. This authorization does not allow for electronic transmission of my protected health information to third parties and I understand I must execute a separate authorization for my protected health information to be disclosed to third parties.

I hereby authorize the transmission of my protected health information electronically as described above.

Cell phone service Provider _____ # _____

Patient Name

Signature of Patient

Date

DO NOT RELY ON TEXT MESSAGES FOR YOUR APPOINTMENTS.