



RELEASE FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL) COMMUNICATION

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Client Name: _____ Client DOB: _____ Client MRN: _____

It is your right to request us to communicate with you by electronic mail (email). It is also your right to know about the risks of using email and how SummitStone Health Partners (“SummitStone”) will use and share provider/client email.

There is no guarantee of privacy when using email without the proper encryption. Unencrypted communication over the Internet is not secure. Even so, you may request unencrypted email communication from us. Please complete this form and return it to your clinical provider.

I authorize electronic mail (email) communication to the following email addresses:

Email to the following: _____ Email to the following: _____

Initial each blank and sign below:

____ The email address on this release is correct. I, or my designee, accept full responsibility for messages sent to or from this email address.

____ I have read and understand the *Important Information About Consumer Email* section.

____ I understand and acknowledge that communication over the Internet is not secure and there is no guarantee of privacy when information is shared this way.

____ I agree to hold SummitStone/its associates harmless from any and all claims and liabilities related to this release to communicate electronically.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CLIENT EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please Read This Information Carefully

Email messages on your computer have privacy risks, especially when your email access is provided through your employer or when access to your emails does not require a password. Unencrypted email provides as much privacy as a postcard. You should not email any information with your provider that you would not want to be included on a postcard that is sent through the post office. Email communications are two-way. However, replies to emails sent to or received by either you or your therapist may be hours or days apart. This means that there could be a delay in receiving messages.

If you have an urgent or an emergency situation, you should not rely on an email request for help. For a behavioral health emergency, call the Crisis Center at (970) 494-4200. For medical emergencies, call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

Messages May be Missed

There is a small possibility that an email address may be typed incorrectly. Information may then be sent to and received by the wrong person. SummitStone requires you respond appropriately to a test email before we will allow communication with you via email. You can also help minimize this risk by using only the email address that you are provided at the successful conclusion of the test to communicate with your SummitStone provider. Once sent, an email messages cannot be recalled or cancelled. Errors in transmission, regardless of the sender’s caution, can occur.

In order to forward or to process and respond to your email message, individuals at SummitStone other than your therapist may read your email message. Your email message is not a private communication between you and your therapist.

Neither you, nor the person reading your email, can see the facial expressions or gestures or hear the voice of the sender. Email messages can be misinterpreted.

At your therapist’s discretion, your email messages, and any and all responses to them may become part of your medical record.

This Release to Communicate via Email is valid for two (2) years from the date which it is signed unless revoked.

Parent/Guardian or Client Signature

Date

AUTHORIZATION TO REVOKE RELEASE

By signing below, you are revoking permission for SummitStone to communicate electronically with any email address previously permitted on this form.

Parent/Guardian or Client Signature

Date