

NORTHSTAR COUNSELING CENTER

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Please read, sign and initial below:

NorthStar Counseling Center, in accordance with HSS rights statutes, wants you to be aware of your rights as a patient and asks for your informed consent to receive therapy.

A patient Bill of Rights appears in the waiting room. Please read this.

The following is some general information about the therapy process:

- 1. The benefits of mental health treatment are to help alleviate the problems and symptoms that you present.
- 2. We only do treatment and evaluations on a voluntary basis. You have the right not to participate in any treatment.
- 3. If medication is recommended, side effects will be discussed. Medication recommendations may be refused.
- 4. The therapist will suggest alternative treatment modalities and make referrals when appropriate or necessary.
- 5. The possible consequences of not receiving treatment will be discussed.
- 6. Informed consent is given for period of one year.
- 7. You have the right to withdraw informed consent at any time in writing.
- 8. Your therapist will develop a treatment plan which you will have the opportunity to modify, review and approve.

Please ask your psychotherapist if you have any specific questions.

I have received a copy of the "Client Rights and Grievance Procedure for Community Services" brocht and the "Notice of Privacy Practices" handout (initial here)	
Client Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature (for clients under 14)	Date
Witness Signature (if needed)	Date