



## **HIPPA policy concerning text messages and email messages**

JM counseling, Inc and Jennifer Magbanua value confidentiality as one of the most important aspects of the counseling relationship. To that end, it is important to make you aware of possible compromises to that confidentiality. While email and text messaging are extremely convenient particularly in regards to rescheduling appointments it is important to note that they are not secure forms of communication.

As of April 24, 2014 the HIPPA policy for JM counseling, Incorporated has amended the policy regarding text messages and email messages.

Regarding text messages: Initial understanding of policy for text messages\_\_\_\_

By signing this form you are agreeing that you understand that text messages are not a secure form of communication and could possibly be read by a third-party. You further agree that by signing this form you understand that Jennifer Magbanua and JM Counseling Inc will not utilize text messages to contact you even when you utilize text messages to contact JM Counseling. You agree to hold JM counseling, INC and Jennifer Magbanua harmless should any text messages be compromised.

Regarding email messages: Initial if agreeing to receive e-mail messages\_\_\_\_

Although the email service JM Counseling Inc uses is encrypted, by signing this form you are agreeing that you understand that email messages are not a secure form of communication and could possibly be read by a third party. You further agree that by signing this form you give permission for Jennifer Magbanua and JM counseling Inc to utilize email messages to contact you. You agree to hold JM counseling Inc. and Jennifer Magbanua harmless should any email messages be compromised.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date