



HIPAA policy concerning text messages and email messages

JM Counseling Inc. values 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.

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 your counselor and JM Counseling Inc. will **not** utilize text messages to contact you even when you utilize text messages to contact JM Counseling Inc. 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 your counselor and JM Counseling Inc. to utilize email messages to contact you. You agree to hold JM Counseling Inc. and your counselor harmless should any email messages be compromised.

*your counselor is _____.

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