Welcome to Seasons Center for Behavioral Health

April 23, 2020

Dear _____

Congratulations on taking the first step toward better mental health. We thank you for choosing Seasons Center as your mental health provider.

Attached are intake papers that you need to complete and sign where indicated. Please ***return to Seasons Center as soon as possible. Please include a copy – front & back – of your insurance card(s).***

Please return by using one of the following:
Mail to: Seasons Center, 201 E 11th St., Spencer, IA 51301 Attn: Intake Specialists
Email to: intake@seasonscenter.org
Fax to: 712-264-9358

If you would like help in filling out your paperwork, please give us a call at 1-800-242-5101 ext. 1105 and we can assist you over-the-phone or we can set up an appointment with you at one of our other locations.

Full fees effective March 1, 2020 are as follows:

	Rate
Psychiatric Evaluation	**$300**
Medication Management	**$55 - $185**
Therapy Evaluation	**$220**
Substance Use Disorder Evaluation	**$150**
DOT Substance Use Disorder Evaluation	**$125**
Therapy or Substance Use Disorder Session	**$75 - $170**
Intensive Outpatient Program (Daily Rate)	**$150**
Substance Abuse Group (2 hr)	**$64**

- **Consent to Treat and Payment of Services**: Please review and then sign and date where indicated. If you are the parent or guardian of the client, please sign where applicable and date.
- **Description of Services**: This explains the various services Seasons Center offers; it is yours to keep.
- **HIPAA Acknowledgment**: Please review, then sign and date where indicated. Substance abuse patients please be advised that your records are further covered by Federal Standards 42-CFR-Part 2.
- **Rights of Individuals Served**: Please review and keep for your records.
- **Notice of Privacy Practices:** Please review and keep for your records.
- **Authorizations:** Please complete where indicated and sign.
- **Information on Advance Directives:** Please review and keep for your records.

Please consider not bringing other children to your child's appointments. It is important your provider has as few interruptions as possible to accurately assess and treat your child.

Name: Case # Medicaid # DOB:

I have been informed and given a copy of Seasons Center for Behavioral Health's Privacy Notice. I have been told that if I have trouble reading or understanding the Seasons Center notice, I may request assistance. I understand that if I have questions or concerns, I should contact the Seasons Center Privacy Officer.

I acknowledge I have been provided with descriptions of services provided by Seasons Center. I have also been offered copies of any and all parts of the registration process. By completing these forms, I understand I have completed the registration process and my treatment will begin when I meet with my behavioral health service provider.

Signature Obtained			Accept Copy	Decline Copy	Forms
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Consent to Treat & Payment
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Description of Services
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Safeguarding the Rights of Individuals Served
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	HIPPA Acknowledgment
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Notice of Privacy Practices
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Authorizations & Agreements
☐ YES	☐ NO	☐ N/A	☐	☐	Information on Advance Directives

Client/Legal Representative Date

Staff Member Date

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health
Consent to Treat and Payment of Services

Fee Rates, Region Funding, and Insurance: For the services I receive at Seasons, I understand and agree that I will be billed the current full fee rate. If I have insurance, my insurance company will be billed full fee. The Board of Directors has approved a sliding fee scale based upon my gross income, should I choose to apply. Should I choose to make application to the region for a subsidy of my fee, I will be charged at the current full fee rate (100%) until the region has approved or denied funding for mental health services at Seasons. Should the region deny funding, I understand that I am responsible for all charged for my services. **Payment is expected at the time services are rendered.** I understand that fees not paid after 90 days may be sent to collections if no alternative payment agreement has been made.

I understand that if services are supported by third party and/or region, these services may be subject to audit by authorized representatives of those payers for verification purposes. I authorize payment of health benefits otherwise payable to me, directly to Seasons Center, and I consent to reviews of services rendered for such purposes. Seasons has agreed to bill third party payers upon being provided current and accurate billing information. This Signature on File is valid for all third party payers involved in collecting monies for services rendered. **I agree to provide Seasons Center with accurate and current insurance information.** I also understand that Seasons cannot guarantee third party payment.

Quality of Service: Members of Seasons' governing board and the State of Iowa have established standards of quality for services provided by Seasons. It is their intent that the staff of Seasons be fully trained and competent health professionals. I understand that there is no assurance that I will feel better. Because behavioral health treatment/services is a cooperative effort between my service provider and me, I will work with my service provider to resolve my difficulties. If I feel the staff is not providing the type or quality of services needed, I will first talk to the staff person involved. The staff member will try to resolve my concern and explain the process for further action if I am not satisfied. If I feel unable to discuss the matter with the staff person, I have the right to contact the staff's supervisor or the consumer concerns department at 712-262-2992 or 1-800-242-5101, who will then fully investigate.

Emergency Services: Emergency services are crisis services that provide a focused assessment and rapid stabilization of acute symptoms of mental illness or emotional distress, and are available and accessible to consumers on a 24-hour basis by calling **1-800-242-5101 or 712-262-2922 or 844-345-4569.**

Appointments: Due to the demand of services and the nature of treatment, **please give 24-hour notice of cancellation. Seasons will charge clients $26.00 unless we are notified of an appointment cancellation.**

Permission to Provide Behavioral Health Servicers:

Seasons will provide diagnostic and treatment services, or both, upon your written consent to do so. Please sign indicating that you are requesting services.

I request that Seasons perform either diagnostic or treatment services, or both, for _____

DOB: _____ Account # _____ Medicaid # _____

Individual's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Staff Member _____ Signature on file for 3rd Party Payers _____

Description of Services

Holistic, Person-Driven Care
Seasons Center firmly believes each individual, family, group, or couple deserves to be treated with the utmost respect in their care. Seasons believes recovery is self-directed, individualized, person-centered, and helps to empower the client by using a strengths-based and value-based approach that instills hope, respect, and responsibility to their own care and direction in their lives. In regards to overall care, Seasons Center believes in evidence-based practices as well as non-linear and holistic care. Seasons Center believes and engages in strict privacy and confidentiality practices as well as gives honor to the client's journey and advocates on behalf of the client whenever possible.

Recovery is the process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
ACT is a community based service that provides high-quality, coordinated, and comprehensive services to individuals 17 and older who are experiencing serious mental illness. ACT Consists of a multidisciplinary team that provides integrated and intensive outpatient services to aid individuals with living independently in the community, while reducing hospitalizations, unemployment, and substance abuse.

Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS)
BHIS services are skill-based interventions for children aged 0-18 that focus on reducing behavioral health challenges by teaching skills such as conflict resolution, problem solving, coping, impulse control, and relationship building. Seasons offers BHIS services in school-based settings and at Camp Autumn.

Emergency and Crisis Services
Emergency services are provided 24-hours per day, 7 days per week to assist individuals and families who have an emergent need. Services can be accessed by dialing 1-800-242-5101. Seasons provides these services when:

- Individuals or family members feel they or a loved one are a danger to themselves or others
- Individuals feel overwhelmed and need to speak to a crisis counselor right away
- Onsite assistance arising from a traumatic event such as a death or injury in the workplace, natural disaster, car accident, suicide, homicide, or other such traumatic events

Mobile Crisis services are available in some communities and provide on-site, in-person intervention for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (IPR)
IPR services are designed to restore, improve, or maximize an individual's level of functioning, self-care, independence, and quality of life. Seasons' IPR services are provided by caring, compassionate, and qualified staff that assist individuals in recovering their ability to perform a valued role in society. Seasons' IPR services are provided where individuals live, work, learn, and socialize, and are offered in individual and group settings.

Outpatient Mental Health Services
Outpatient therapy services focus on alleviating specific mental health problems, enhancing overall functioning, and preventing development of more serious or more disruptive problems for the individual and for those involved in their care. At a minimum, Seasons Center therapists are educated at a Masters level in psychology, social work, counseling, and/or marriage and family counseling. All therapists are licensed or eligible to be licensed in their discipline. Based on the assessment and social history, the therapist and individual(s) develop a mutually agreed upon plan for treatment. Therapists use a variety of interventions to facilitate goal achievement. The therapy process is individualized and based on the resources, abilities, and limitations of the individual(s) receiving the service. In addition to individual therapy, outpatient services are also provided in family and/or group modalities.

Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Services
Outpatient services focus on alleviating specific substance abuse/dependency problems, enhancing overall functioning and preventing development of more services or disruptive problems for the individual and their families. At a minimum, Seasons Center Substance abuse/dependency counselors are educated at a Bachelors level in psychology, social work, or other related field. Master level therapists are strongly sought and bachelor level counselors are strongly encouraged to seek out a graduate level education. All counselors/therapists are certified or eligible for certification through the Iowa Board of Substance Abuse Certification. Based on the assessment and social history the therapist and individual(s) develop the service. In addition to individual counseling, outpatient services are provided in family and/or group therapy modalities. Seasons also provides DOT evaluations.

Psychiatric Services
The Psychiatric Department consists of Psychiatrists, Physicians Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Registered Nurses. Comprehensive outpatient psychiatric care is provided to children and adults. The psychiatrist/PA/ARNP diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders. Psychiatric evaluations are completed for the purpose of assessing symptoms, needs, abilities, disabilities, and history, diagnosing illness, and determining treatment and follow-up service needs. Ongoing treatment is provided through medication management in order to monitor medication effects and side effects. A psychiatrist is available to provide services for inpatient management of adults. On-call services are available 24-hours a day through Emergency Services. Consultation is available to other community physicians regarding inpatient and outpatient treatment, as needed.

Psychological Testing
Seasons offers psychological evaluations in some instances through specialized funding to assist in assessing an individual's level of functioning in the areas of cognitive skills, developmental progression, and emotional and behavioral functioning. The evaluation is useful for obtaining a clear diagnosis, assessing a disability, coordinating services with schools, and developing efficacious treatment.

Evaluations are tailored to each individual, but generally fall into the following categories:

- Neuropsychological: Examines a wide-range of brain-related skills, such as general intelligence, attention, memory, language, sensory-motor functioning, and problem solving skills
- Developmental: Determines a child's ability relative to same-aged peers
- Psychoeducational: Assesses academic abilities with a focus on determining whether there is a learning disability.

Respite
Respite means a period of rest or relief. Seasons' respite staff care for children in their home or community setting. Seasons' respite staff may also provide services at Camp Autumn, a therapeutic camp for children with behavioral health concerns. Respite care workers ensure the continuation of daily routines otherwise provided by family members, while providing a therapeutic environment for the child to thrive.

Other Specialized Services
Other specialized services may be available to you, such as care coordination, parenting education, or nursing support. Please contact the intake department at Seasons at 1-800-242-5101 if you have questions about additional services that may benefit you.

Safeguarding the Rights of Individuals Served | Rights and Responsibilities

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health holds that its primary obligation is to enhance and safeguard the mental wellbeing of individuals served. Seasons' employees shall provide services in ways that respect and enhance the individuals' sense of autonomy, privacy, dignity, self-esteem, and involvement in treatment. Employees take language barriers, cultural differences, and cognitive deficits into consideration and make provisions to facilitate meaningful individual participation.

Individual Rights include:

- The right to be treated with respect and dignity
- The right to receive care based on their individual situations/needs
- The right to have the quality of their care assured
- The right to consent or decline services, choose their provider from available providers, or receive services elsewhere
- The right to have their views considered in the making of decisions which affect them.
- The right to have those who are legally responsible for their welfare be fully informed about the nature of services/actions to be provided and their outcome so they may have choices regarding their participation and/or their children's participation
- The right to be informed about the purpose of the services they are receiving
- The right, if over the age of 7, to be informed about and make choices regarding their participation in research as well as the right to have their parents/guardians review and approve it
- The right to receive services without non-clinically determined delays
- The right to be served in the least restrictive setting
- The right to express opinions about the services received
- The right to have client records protected from an invasion of privacy. To have information held confidential unless consent is given in written forms by signing a release, a court order is issued to Seasons, disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency, or qualified person for research, audit, or program evaluation, or as otherwise allowable by federal law
- The right to appeal agency actions

Individual Responsibilities include:

- Individuals will actively participate in the establishment of treatment goals
- Individuals will keep scheduled appointments and notify the provider regarding any necessary changes to scheduled appointments
- Individuals will inform their primary clinician of any change in medication and will take medication as prescribed
- Individuals will follow through with suggestions, recommendations, or homework assignments between sessions
- Individuals will check with pharmacy regarding refills before contacting Seasons Center
- Individuals will respect the privacy and confidentiality of other clients
- Individuals shall be mindful and respectful of other clients accessing services as well as Seasons staff: no use of profanity in public areas, no physical violence or threats of physical violence or intimidation, and no vandalizing or destroying Seasons Center property. In addition, no drugs or alcohol are permitted on Seasons property

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health does not conduct any experimental treatment procedures; does not conduct any procedure that carries an intrinsic risk such as convulsive therapy, psychosurgery, or aversive conditioning; and does not conduct education demonstration programs involving audio visual equipment or one-way mirrors.

Clients accessing Seasons services agree to follow Individual Responsibilities noted above. Anyone who believes that Seasons Center's actions are not in accord with this policy should contact the CEO.

Kim Scorza, MSW, LMSW
President | CEO

HIPAA Acknowledgment

Seasons Center's Notice of Privacy Practices provides information about how we may use and disclose protected health information (PHI) about you. As stated in our notice, the terms of the notice may change. If we change our notice, you may obtain a revised copy by contacting the Privacy Officer at Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, 201 East 11th Street, Spencer.

By signing this form, you acknowledge you have received a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices (dated April 14, 2003), Safeguarding the Rights of Individuals Served (Individual Rights and Responsibilities), and a Description of Services.

Individual Appeals Process

Seasons provides and informs all individuals served, and their guardians, of their right to appeal the application of policies, procedures, or any staff action that affects them.

1. All individuals served are informed of Seasons' appeals process during the intake process. They receive a printed copy of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, which includes the appeals process.
2. When an individual verbally presents a complaint or appeal to an employee of Seasons Center:
    a. The employee will suggest the individual first speak directly with the employee involved with the concern to resolve the matter
    b. If the individual is uncomfortable addressing the staff person directly, the individual will be directed to talk to the employee's supervisor or the CEO.
3. If the individual is dissatisfied with the results of #2, or wishes to pursue the matter further, they will be given an Individual Appeal Form.
    a. If they need assistance with completing the form, the CEO, or whom the CEO designates, will assist with doing so
    b. The CEO, or whom the CEO designates, will write all pertinent information or allow the individual to write their concerns
4. Within 10 days the CEO, or whom the CEO designates, shall investigate the complaint and respond in writing to the individual
5. If dissatisfied with the recommendations, the individual will be informed he/she may submit a written complaint or request to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
    a. The Executive Committee will review the complaint, ensure the appeals process was followed, and make their recommendations to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting of the full Board for decision.
    b. A response from the Board President will be written and delivered to the individual within 45 days of receipt of the written complaint/appeal.
    c. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

My signature below indicates I have received a copy of this form stating the individual appeals process.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Individual/Representative: _____

DOB: _____ Account #: _____ Medicaid #: _____

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health (Seasons)
Notice of Privacy Practices – Effective Date: April 14, 2003

This notice is distributed to clients at time of intake and is on our website: www.seasonscenter.org.

This notice describes:

- How medical information about you may be used
- How you can get access to your medical information

Please review it carefully.

Each time you visit Seasons a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, diagnoses, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. Understanding what is in your record and how your health information is used helps you to ensure its accuracy. It also helps you to better understand who, what, when, where, and why others may access your health information as well as helps you make more informed decisions when authorizing disclosure to others.

Your Health Information Rights:

Although your health record is the physical property of Seasons, the information belongs to you.

You have the right to:

- Request and obtain a paper copy of this notice
- Request communications of your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations
- Request to inspect and obtain a copy of your health record; however, if there are grounds for denial after review by your service provider, you will be provided with an explanation of the decision to deny access.
- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information; however, Seasons is not required to agree to a requested restriction.
- Request an amendment of your protected health information. We may deny your request for the following reasons:
    - It is not in writing or does not include a reason
    - The information was not created by us
    - The information is not part of the information maintained to make care decisions
    - The information is not part of the information you are permitted to request
    - The information is accurate and complete as is
- Revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that:
    - Action has already been taken
    - Authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining health insurance coverage
- Obtaining an accounting of disclosures of your health information not pertaining to payment, treatment or health care operation or your authorization released after April 14, 2003

To take any of the above actions, contact our Privacy Officer at 201 East 11th Street, Spencer, IA 51301.

Seasons' Responsibilities:

Seasons is required by law to:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information which is protected information according to HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, and other state and federal requirements
- Provide you with this Privacy Notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you.
- Abide by the terms of this notice.
- Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction.
- Accommodate reasonable requests you may have to communicate health information by alternative means or at alternative locations

We reserve the right to change our practices and to make the new provisions effective for all protected health information we maintain. Should our information practices change, we will post notice of this along with the revised policy in our reception areas and will supply you with the revised policy upon request to our Privacy Officer. We will not use or disclose your health information without your authorization, except as described in this notice.

For More Information or to Report a Problem:
If you have questions and would like additional information, you may contact Seasons at 712-262-2922 or 800-242-5101. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a written complaint with the Seasons Privacy Officer at 201 E 11th St., Spencer, IA 51301. There is no retaliation for filing a complaint.

Examples of Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Health Operations
We may release your private health information (PHI) in the following circumstances:

- **Treatment:** For example: Information obtained by a nurse, physician, or other member of your healthcare team will be recorded in your record and used to determine the course of treatment that should work best for you. Members of your healthcare team will then record the actions they took and their observations.
- **Payment:** A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, procedures, and supplies used.
- **Regular health operations:** Members of the medical staff, quality assurance, or members of a qualify improvement team may use information in your health record to assess the care and outcomes in your case and others like it. This information will then be used in an effort to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of the healthcare and service we provide.
- **With Authorization:** We may release your health information to family members and those you have authorized. Unless you object, we may disclose health information to family member(s) or legal representative(s) who are involved in your care or involved in payment of your care; however, it is our policy to obtain your authorization for all releases of information whenever possible. If you are unable to agree or object to such a disclosure, our health professionals, using their best judgment, may disclose information if it is determined to be in your best interest.
- **Workers compensation:** We may disclose health information to the extent authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to worker's compensation or other similar programs established by law.
- **Public health:** As required by law, we may disclose your health information to public health or legal authorities responsible for preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.
- **Correctional institution:** Should you be an inmate of a correctional institution, we may disclose to the institution or agents there of health information necessary for your health and the health and safety of other individuals.
- **Business associates**: There are some services provided in our organization through contacts with business associates. Examples include certain medical laboratory for tests, pharmacies, accounting firm, and computer support. When these services are contracted, we may disclose your health information to our business associate so they can perform the job we've asked them to do and bill you or your third-party payer for services rendered. To protect your health information, however, we require the business associate to appropriately safeguard your information.
- **Research:** We may disclose information to researchers when an institutional review board has reviewed the research proposal, and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your health information has approved their research.
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA**): We may disclose to the FDA health information related to adverse effects of medication or post marketing surveillance information to enable product recalls.
- **Notification:** We may contact you to provide appointment reminders, information about treatment alternatives, other health-related benefits, and/or services that may be of interest to you.
- **Law enforcement:** We may disclose health information for law enforcement purposes as required by law or in response to a valid subpoena. Federal law makes provision for your health information to be released to an appropriate health oversight agency, public health authority or attorney, provided a work force member or business associate believes in good faith that we have engaged in unlawful conduct or have otherwise violated professional or clinical standards and are potentially endangering one or more patients, workers or the public.
- **Emergency:** If you have given indication through your words or actions that you are a danger to yourself or someone else, or that there has been incident of child or adult abuse, we are mandated by law and obligated to report this to the appropriate authorities such as the police or DHS.
- **The Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):** Under the privacy standards, we must disclose your health information to DHS as necessary for them to determine our compliance with those standards.

Electronic Communication Agreement

Electronic communications, including but not limited to, emails and text messages (hereinafter "Electronic Communications"), provide an opportunity to communicate with the healthcare providers at Seasons Center for Behavioral Health ("Seasons Center").

The following is intended as an agreement between Seasons Center and _____.
PRINT NAME

General Considerations

- As your healthcare provider, Seasons Center will treat Electronic Communications with the same degree of privacy and confidentiality as written medical records. Seasons Center has taken reasonable steps with internal information technology systems and program policies to protect the security and privacy of your personal identifying and health information in accordance with the security guidelines required by the Health Information Protection and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended ("HIPAA").
- Communicating electronically with Seasons Center has benefits, including but not limited to more prompt access to your healthcare provider and reminders of upcoming appointments. However, communicating electronically also has its risks, including but not limited to the below:
    - Standard email services, including, but not limited to, Yahoo, Hotmail, and Gmail, are not secure. This means that the email, including any individually identifiable health information and other sensitive or confidential information that may be contained in such email are not encrypted and could be misdirected, disclosed to, read or intercepted by, unauthorized third parties.
    - Text messaging services are not secure. This means that the text message, including any individually identifiable health information and other sensitive or confidential information that may be contained in a text message are not encrypted and could be misdirected, disclosed to, read or intercepted by, unauthorized third parties.

I have read and understood the above description of the risks and responsibilities associated with Electronic Communications with Seasons Center. I acknowledge that commonly used Electronic Communications are not secure.

Please check one of the three below statements:

A. ☐ Having been informed of the risks associated with Electronic Communications, I consent to, accept the risk in, and still desire to communicate with Seasons Center via Electronic Communications. I understand that I can withdraw this consent authorizing Seasons Center to communicate with me via Electronic Communications at any time by written notification to Seasons Center. I agree to notify Seasons Center and complete a new Electronic Communications Agreement when my cell phone number or email address changes.

My email address is _____.

My cell phone number is _____.

B. ☐ Having been informed of the risks associated with Electronic Communications, I consent to, accept the risk in, and still desire to communicate with Seasons Center via Electronic Communications *only with respect to appointment reminders*. I understand that I can withdraw this consent authorizing Seasons Center to communicate with me via Electronic Communications at any time by written notification to Seasons Center. I agree to notify Seasons Center and complete a new Electronic Communications Agreement when my cell phone number or email address changes.

My email address is _____.

My cell phone number is _____.

C. ☐ Having been informed of the risks associated with Electronic Communications, I do not consent to, accept the risk in, or desire to communicate with Seasons Center via Electronic Communications. I understand that I can change my mind and provide a consent authorizing Seasons Center to communicate with me via Electronic Communications at a later time by written notification to Seasons Center

To the extent that I have checked Box A or B, I release and hold harmless Seasons Center, its provider(s) and their staff, employees, affiliates, agents, officers, and principals from any and all expenses, claims, actions, liabilities, attorney fees, damages, losses of any kind that I may have resulting from Electronic Communications between Seasons Center and me and/or the minor identified based on this authorization given to Seasons Center to communicate with me via Electronic Communications.

_____
Client Name (printed)

_____ _____
Client/Representative Signature Date

Authorization – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health
Consent for the Release of Confidential Information – Medicaid

I, _____, authorize communication between Iowa Medicaid as managed by the
(Client Printed Name)
designated Managed Care Organization, and Seasons Center for Behavioral Health to authorize the following
(Name of Program making disclosure)
information pertinent to my treatment episode:

- Assessment and evaluation
- Proposed treatment plan of care
- Diagnosis
- Progress notes related to pre-authorization or concurrent review
- Continuing care plan
- Other psychosocial information relating to pre-authorization or concurrent review
- Follow-up contact
- Other (specify): _____

The purpose of the disclosure authorized herein is to support care management and reimbursement, satisfaction surveying and quality improvement through Iowa Managed Substance Abuse Care Plan (IMSACP).

I also authorize Medicaid as managed by the designated Managed Care Organization to re-disclose the information listed above to the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services for the purpose of evaluating and auditing Medicaid as managed by the designated Managed Care Organization or for conducting appeals of reimbursement determinations. I also authorize Medicaid as managed by the Managed Care Organization to verbally re-disclose case management information to the Department of Human Services, County office for the purpose of case coordination. I understand that my records are protected under the Federal regulations governing confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records, 42 CFR Part 2 and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it, and that in any event this consent expires when there has been a resolution of all outstanding claims or one year from discharge, which is later.

_____ _____
Signature of Client Date

_____
Signature of Parent/Guardian or Representative

_____ _____
Client Printed Name ID

Prohibition of Re-disclosure of Information concerning Patient in Alcohol or Drug Abuse Treatment: This notice accompanies a disclosure of information concerning a patient in alcohol/drug abuse treatment, made to you with the consent of such patient. This information has been disclosed to you from records protected by federal confidentiality rules (42 CFR part 2). The federal rules prohibit you from making any further disclosure of information in this record that identifies a patient as having or having had a substance use disorder either directly, by reference to publicly available information, or through verification of such identification by another person unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the individual whose information is being disclosed or as otherwise permitted by 42 CFR part 2. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose (see § 2.31). The federal rules restrict any use of the information to investigate or prosecute with regard to a crime any patient with a substance use disorder, except as provided at §§ 2.12(c)(5) and 2.65.

I understand that Seasons Center may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits on whether or not I sign this authorization, except that a) Seasons may condition the provision of research-related treatment on provision of an authorization for the use or disclosure of protected health information for such research, and b) Seasons may condition the provision of health care that is solely for the purpose of creating protected health information for disclosure to a third party on the provision of authorization for that third party.

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health
Authorization to Release Information – Insurance Company

I, _____ authorize **SEASONS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** to release such
(Client printed name)
information from my medical record as may be necessary for the completion of SEASONS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH or my physician's claims for reimbursement to my insurance company, preferred provider organization, health maintenance organization, utilization review organization or agency, _____.
(Entity that may receive the information)

I understand that the disclosure may include diagnosis or procedures performed and that, at the request of my insurance company, preferred provider organization, health maintenance organization, utilization review organization, or agency, my complete medical record may be subject to review. In addition, I understand that copies of my medical record may be obtained by my insurance company, preferred provider organization, health maintenance organization, utilization review organization, or agency.

I also authorize SEASONS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH to release such medical information from my record as may be required to permit each physician who provides care to me during the course of this stay or service to complete their office records.

This authorization includes mental health, alcohol and drug abuse records protected by state and federal legislation.

I understand that my records are protected under the Federal regulations governing confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse records, 42 CFR Part 2 and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it, and that in any event this consent expires when there has been a resolution of all outstanding claims or one year from discharge, whichever is later.

Assignment of Benefits:

In consideration of the services received or to be received for these services, I assign all insurance benefits due me to SEASONS CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

_____ _____
Client or Authorized Representative Date

_____ _____
Relationship Guarantor/Insured Certificate Holder

_____ _____
Client Printed Name Medicaid #

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Psychiatric Advance Directives

1. What is a Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD)?

   A Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) is a legal document allowing a person to direct his or her healthcare in the event that he or she becomes unable to make or communicate healthcare decisions, including mental healthcare.

2. What are some of the benefits of having a PAD?

   There are multiple benefits for having a PAD, such as giving additional legal support for your right to choose your own treatment. PADs also provide you with an opportunity to discuss planning and recovery with family, friends, and providers, gives providers who may not know you well information that will help them provide you with better care, allows you to give approval in advance for who can receive/release your medical information, and can put in place legal arrangements for the care of your children, finances, and pets at a time of crisis.

3. Can I write a legally binding psychiatric advance directive (PAD) in the state of Iowa?

   Yes, by appointing an agent. Iowa's Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care statute allows you to appoint an agent (called an "Attorney in fact") to make healthcare decisions for you if you become incompetent to make those decisions yourself. "Health care" may include mental health care. A recommended form for this purpose is called a Durable Power of Attorney. The form is not mandatory but is recommended.

4. Can I write advance instructions regarding psychiatric medications and/or hospitalization?

   The Iowa statute does not allow you to write advance instructions for your psychiatric care in a freestanding document. However, if you fill out a Durable Power of Attorney, you may wish to specify how you would like your Attorney in fact to make decisions for you. If there are particular matters that you wish your Attorney in fact to make clear to your treating physicians, it is advisable to discuss them with him/her and document them on, or on pages attached to, the Durable Power of Attorney form.

5. Does anyone have to approve my advance instructions at the time I make them?

   No. However, your form must either be acknowledged by a notarial officer in the state of Iowa or witnessed and signed by two adult witnesses at the same time as you sign it. Your witnesses must be people other than employees of your health care provider who are attending to you at that time. Your Attorney in fact cannot act as a witness. Finally, one of the witnesses must be someone other than a relative of yours.

6. Can I appoint an agent to make mental health decisions for me if I become incompetent?

   Yes, as outlined above. Your Attorney in fact must be someone other than an employee of your health care provider, unless also a relative of yours.

7. If I become incompetent, can my agent make decisions for me about medications, and/or hospitalization?

   Yes. The general rule is that your agent can make any health care decision that you could have made if you were able to. However, you should be aware that there are exceptions to this general rule: see question 9 below.

8. Does my agent have to make decisions as he/she thinks I would make them (known as "substituted judgment"), or does he/she have to make them in my "best interests"?

   Your Attorney in fact must act according to any instructions you have documented and your wishes as far as he/she otherwise knows. If your wishes are not known, he/she must act in your best interests, taking into account your condition and prognosis.

9. Is there any rule that says that I can only make advanced instructions, only appoint an agent, or that I must do both?

   Yes. As explained above, it is not possible to write advance instructions only. If you wish to create a PAD, you must use a Durable Power of Attorney, but the extent to which you also document your decisions is up to you.

10. Before following my PAD, would my mental health care providers need a court to determine I am not competent to make a certain decision?

    No. The statute does not specify any particular procedure by which your PAD goes into effect. In practice, your PAD will be followed whenever your providers consider that you are unable to understand or communicate treatment decisions yourself.

11. Does the statute say anything about when my mental health providers may decline to follow my PAD?

    Yes. Your provider could decline to follow the Attorney in fact's instructions in an emergency. An "emergency" includes a situation in which a person is considered a danger to him/herself or others.

12. How long does my PAD remain valid?

    Your Durable Power of Attorney remains valid until revoked. You may revoke it at any time, orally or in writing.

**Information above obtained from the National Resources Center on Psychiatric Advance Directives: http://www.nrc-pad.org/states/iowa-faq and SAMHSA's webinar: Recovery to Practice – Psychiatric Advance Directives, Siebert and Verna, 2016.*