



# Welcome to Seasons Center for Behavioral Health

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Attached is the registration paperwork that you will need to complete and sign where indicated. **Please use dark blue or black ink when completing.**

***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: Client Registration

**Email to:** [clientregistration@seasonscenter.org](mailto:clientregistration@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:

|  | <b>Rate*</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Psychiatric Evaluation.....                    | \$320        |
| Medication Management.....                     | \$85-\$260   |
| Therapy Evaluation .....                       | \$230        |
| Substance Use Disorder Evaluation .....        | \$175        |
| DOT Substance Use Disorder Evaluation .....    | \$125        |
| Therapy or Substance Use Disorder Session .... | \$100-\$225  |
| Substance Abuse Group (2 hr) .....             | \$75         |
| Intensive Outpatient Program (Daily Rate)..... | \$200        |

### **Regular Business Hours:**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

*Appointments outside of regular business hours vary by provider*

*\*Rates are subject to change at anytime. Current rates are available by contacting Seasons Center at 712-262-2922.*



### **Documents for You to Keep for Your Records:**

- Client Welcome Letter (this page)
- Description of Services
- Rights of Individuals Served
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Information on Advance Directives



### **Documents Requiring Signature & Return:**

- Consent to Treat and Payment of Services
- HIPAA, 42 CFR, and AI Use Acknowledgment
- Individual Appeals Process
- Releases of Information
- Electronic Communications Agreement
- Telehealth Consent

*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: \_\_\_\_\_ MRN: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

My signature below indicates I have received copies of the following forms and been given an opportunity to ask questions.

| <b>Signature Obtained</b>    |                             |                              | <b>Accept Copy</b>       | <b>Decline Copy</b>      | <b>Forms</b>                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consent to Treat & Payment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Appeals Process        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Authorizations & Agreements       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Description of Services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rights of Individuals Served      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Notice of Privacy Practices       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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, such as insurance, upon being provided current and accurate billing information. This Signature on File is valid for all third-party payers, such as insurance, 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 (insurance) 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 712-262-2922 or 1-800-242-5101, who will then fully investigate.

**Crisis Services:** Crisis services 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 1-844-345-4569. Additionally, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 for individuals facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to. 988 can be anonymous, if desired.

**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.**

**Legal Representative Relationship to Client:**

- Parent                       Foster Parent
- Legal Guardian             Stepparent
- Grandparent                 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing on the Legal Representative line below, I hereby affirm that I have the legal authority to make medical and health care decisions for the above-named individual. I provide informed consent for Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center dba Seasons Center to provide mental health services to this individual.

*\*Documentation may be requested*

**Permission to Provide Behavioral Health Services**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# HIPAA, 42 CFR, & AI Use Acknowledgements

## HIPAA & 42 CFR

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.

If you receive substance use disorder (SUD) services, your records are protected under the federal confidentiality law 42 CFR Part 2. This law provides additional privacy protections beyond HIPAA. Information identifying you as having or receiving SUD services will not be disclosed without your written consent unless otherwise permitted or required by law.

***By signing this form, you acknowledge you have received a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices (dated February 16, 2026), Safeguarding the Rights of Individuals Served (Individual Rights and Responsibilities), and a Description of Services, including information regarding the confidentiality protections for substance use disorder treatment records under 42 CFR Part 2.***

## AI Use

We may use secure, HIPAA-compliant technology, including artificial intelligence tools, to assist with documentation and care coordination. No clinical decisions will be made from the use of artificial intelligence.

***By signing this form, you acknowledge the use and limitations of using artificial intelligence tools within your treatment.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual/Legal Representative Signature

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.

- When an individual verbally presents a complaint or appeal to an employee of Seasons Center:
  - The employee will suggest the individual first speak directly with the employee involved with the concern to resolve the matter
  - If the individual is uncomfortable addressing the staff person directly, the individual will be directed to talk to the employee’s supervisor or the Vice President of the Department.
- 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.
  - If they need assistance with completing the form, the CEO, or whom the CEO designates, will assist with doing so
  - The CEO, or whom the CEO designates, will write all pertinent information or allow the individual to write their concerns
- Within 10 days the CEO, or whom the CEO designates, shall investigate the complaint and respond in writing to the individual
- 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
  - 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.
  - A response from the Board President will be written and delivered to the individual within 45 days of receipt of the written complaint/appeal.
  - The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.
- If you believe that your civil rights have been violated, you may also choose to file a complaint with the Crime Victim Assistance Division or Office of Civil Rights at the below links:
  - <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/manual/chapter-24-discriminationcomplaint-process/civil-rightscomplaint-process>
  - <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual/Legal Representative Signature

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Electronic Communications Agreement

Electronic communications, including but not limited to, emails and text messages, provide an opportunity to communicate with the healthcare providers at Seasons Center for Behavioral Health (Seasons Center). As your healthcare provider, Seasons will treat Electronic Communications with the same degree of privacy and confidentiality of written medical records.

This agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ and/or their representative \_\_\_\_\_ and Seasons Center.

Communicating electronically with Seasons can help you in several ways, including being able to reach your provider more quickly, and get reminders of your appointments. However, there are some risks, such as:

- Your email account might not be secure. This could mean that any information sent to or from your email address could be misdirected, disclosed to, read or intercepted by someone else.
- Text messages are not secure. This means that any information sent through text could be misdirected, disclosed to, read or intercepted by someone else.

By checking one of the below boxes, you are saying that you understand that:

- Emails and text messages are not secure.
- Emails and texts should not be used if you need to speak with someone immediately due to a mental health crisis, but that you can always call 800-345-4569 or 988.
- You will provide Seasons with your email address (not an email address belonging to a friend, family member, etc.)
- If your phone number or email address changes, you will let Seasons know and provide Seasons with your updated contact information. You may be asked to update this form at that time.
- Whichever box you choose, you can change your mind at any time by contacting Seasons Center via any reasonable manner.

My cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

My email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check only one box:

- Knowing the possible risks, I still want to communicate with Seasons via email and/or text messages.
- Knowing the possible risks, I still want to communicate with Seasons via email and/or text messages but only for appointment reminders.
- Knowing the possible risks, I do not want to communicate with Seasons via email and/or text messages.

*If 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 agreement.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual/Legal Representative Signature



## Telehealth Consent Form

### What is telehealth and how do I use it?

Telehealth is a way to visit with a behavioral health provider. You can talk to your provider from any place, including your home. You will need to use video so you and your provider can see each other.

### How does telehealth help me?

You don't have to go to a Seasons Center office. If you are sick or concerned about becoming ill, telehealth helps reduce the risk of spreading or catching germs. If you have trouble getting to the office, it can also help you access your services without needing to deal with transportation, time off work, etc. Please note that your provider may decide if you still need an office visit.

### Can telehealth be bad for me?

Providers will not be able to physically exam you so come prepared to discuss your physical wellbeing. Additionally, technical problems may interrupt or stop your visit before you are done.

### Who is best fit for telehealth?

Telehealth services are best fit for individuals aged 12 and up. You and your provider will work together to monitor whether telehealth services are helpful. If you experience barriers and limitations due to ability or access to telehealth, in-office options are provided alternatively.

### Will my telehealth visit be private?

Seasons does not record visits and providers are required to have a confidential space so nobody else can see or hear you. Telehealth technology that is designed to protect your privacy is used by the agency. You should use a network that is private and secure as well as have a confidential and quiet space so no one can see or hear your appointment. There is always a very small risk to confidentiality when using the internet for services, although we do our best to limit the risk to you.

### What if I try telehealth and don't like it?

You can stop using telehealth any time, even during a telehealth visit. If you decide you do not want to use telehealth, talk with your provider or call 800-242-5101 and request office visits.

### How much does a telehealth visit cost?

What you pay depends on your insurance. A telehealth visit will not cost any more than an office visit. If your provider decides you need an office visit in addition to your telehealth visit, you may have to pay for both visits.

### Do I have to sign this document? What does it mean if I sign and/or agree to this document?

No. Only sign this document if you want to use telehealth. If you sign and/or tell your provider that you agree with this document, you agree that: the information in this document was discussed, all questions were answered, and you want a telehealth visit. Once signed, a copy will be given if desired.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual/Legal Representative Signature



# CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

## Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center (Seasons Center)

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Client's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I am allowing Seasons Center to  release and/or  obtain written and oral information for the **past two (2) years** from the date of this release by telephone, fax, electronic data exchange or mail concerning the above named client with the following individual or agency:

|   |                                      |                           |          |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Seasons Treatment, Payment, & Healthcare Operations | Seasons Center for Behavioral Health | treatment provider        |          |
| Name of Person (or Class of Person)                 | Name of Institution (if applicable)  | Relationship to Client    |          |
| 201 E 11th St                                       | Spencer                              | Iowa                      | 51301    |
| Address   | City                                 | State                     | Zip Code |
| 800-242-5101  | 712-262-3826                         |                           |          |
| Phone Number  | Fax Number                           | Case/Investigation Number |          |

### Check the information to be disclosed:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Evaluation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Review          | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Results                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Intake (including Social History) | <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Summary       | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Testing/Assessments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Assessments                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary      | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational/Vocational Records    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Plan/ICP/Treatment Plan                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Billing Information    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Med/Progress Notes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment Dates/Info |  |

Other (please specify): all pertinent information required for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations

### Please indicate the purpose/reason for release:

Continuity of Care    Rehab/Disability    Insurance    Transferring Care    Legal *if selected, NO other items in this section may be selected*

Other (please specify): administrative operations for agency

This authorization is voluntary. I understand that I have the right not to sign this consent form, and that I may revoke this consent at any time except to the extent that action has been taking in reliance on it. If I choose not to sign, I understand there will be no consequences to service provision; however, it may impact payment for services and personal obligations for services. If I choose to revoke this consent, I must send written notification to: Medical Records, Seasons Center 201 E 11th Street, Spencer, IA 51301. If I revoke this consent, I understand that information may have been released prior to the cancellation, and that action would not be considered a breach of confidentiality. I also acknowledge that: 1) recipients of this information may possibly re-release the information without proper authorization, and 2) once information is disclosed it may no longer be protected by 42 CFR Part 2, HIPAA, and other federal or state privacy regulations. I understand that I may review the disclosed information or ask questions by contacting Medical Records at the above address. Confidentiality of the information is protected by Federal Law (HIPAA, 42 CFR § 2, and 45 CFR § 164) and the code of Iowa Chapter 228. **42 CFR Part 2 prohibits unauthorized use or disclosure of these records.** Part 2 redisclosure is prohibited, unless further disclosure is expressly permitted with the client's written consent, except as permitted by 42 CFR Part 2, HIPAA, and applicable state laws. I understand that If HIPAA covered entities and business associates receive these records for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes, the records may be redisclosed in accordance with HIPAA, **except** for uses or disclosures for civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings against me.

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, 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, and c) I understand that I may be billed for services, otherwise covered by insurance, if I refuse to consent to disclosure for purposes of treatment, payment, or healthcare operations, if permitted by state law.

### INFORMATION TO NOT RELEASE

#### SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROTECTED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW

I understand that the information to be released may include information in the following categories unless I specifically deny the release.

**Initial any type of information you do NOT want released. Leave blank if no restrictions.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Substance Abuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIV-related Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Genetic Tests/Info

I have been offered a copy of this form, and it has been explained to me in a language I understand.

If I do not revoke consent, this release will expire no more than one year from the date below, or on date specified here, whichever is earlier: \_\_\_\_\_

Client/Legal Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Only clients 18 years of age or older, or legal representative, can authorize release of mental health information. Only clients, regardless of age, can authorize release of substance abuse information.**



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Client's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I am allowing Seasons Center to  release and/or  obtain written and oral information for the **past two (2) years** from the date of this release by telephone, fax, electronic data exchange or mail concerning the above named client with the following individual or agency:

**Emergency Contact:**

Name of Person (or Class of Person) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Institution (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Client \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Case/Investigation Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the information to be disclosed:**

- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Comprehensive Intake (including Social History)
- Initial Assessments
- Service Plan/ICP/Treatment Plan
- Med/Progress Notes
- Annual Review
- Progress Summary
- Discharge Summary
- Billing Information
- Appointment Dates/Info
- Laboratory Results
- Psychological Testing/Assessments
- Educational/Vocational Records

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the purpose/reason for release:**

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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, 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, and c) I understand that I may be billed for services, otherwise covered by insurance, if I refuse to consent to disclosure for purposes of treatment, payment, or healthcare operations, if permitted by state law.

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Name of Person (or Class of Person) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Institution (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ **Primary Care Physician**  
Relationship to Client \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Case/Investigation Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pharmacy**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Case/Investigation Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Address City State Zip Code

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## 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.

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.

### **Crisis Services**

Our Crisis Services can be accessed 24/7 at 844-345-4569. We provide immediate help when an individual is experiencing a mental health crisis, offering rapid crisis screening, assessment, and stabilization. The Mobile Crisis Team can be deployed when necessary to provide a face-to-face crisis screening/intervention. Additionally, more intensive Crisis Services are available when needed, offering in person, daily sessions with a mental health professional, and connection to medication, counseling, and peer support services as well as linkage to ongoing services within the community.

### **Alex's Place - Crisis Stabilization Center**

Alex's Place offers crisis stabilization residential services to adults 18+ experiencing a mental health crisis who do not require an inpatient level of care. The crisis center is appropriate for individuals that do not require hospitalization but need symptom stabilization assistance and skill-building services to regain stability and wellbeing. Alex's Place is a 4 bed facility offering short-term supervised care for up to 5 days along with daily therapy and skill building.

### **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.

### **Care Coordination**

Care Coordination is a "behind-the-scenes" service that providers can use to assist them in accessing necessary services for their clients. Care Coordinators act as liaisons between providers for getting individuals and families started in these additional supports and services.

### **Case Management**

Case Management is a team-based approach to assist individuals and families with identifying needs and resources to be able to fully participate in treatment and maintain safety. A Case Manager works with individuals, families, service providers, and other agencies/individuals to create an individualized plan to manage and coordinate supports, services, and resources to promote the client's health and overall wellbeing.

### **Family Support Services**

Family Support Services are designed to provide meaningful support, education, and skill-building for children and youth exposed to trauma, those who are at-risk for system involvement, as well as current foster, adoptive, or kinship youth. Services include skill building interventions to assist children with coping skills, behavior management, emotional regulation and social growth; therapeutic respite care opportunities; and family support and advocacy, walking alongside families to support their unique needs.



### **Nursing Services**

Care Team Nurses manage and coordinate the health care needs of the client to improve their access to care and promote their health status. This includes: preventative care, health goals, tobacco cessation, and weight loss. The nurse acts as a liaison between the client's primary care providers, specialty providers, and behavioral health providers to ensure integration of health care.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

Outpatient Therapy services focus on alleviating specific mental health challenges, enhancing overall functioning, and preventing development of more serious or more disruptive challenges for the individual and for those involved in their care. All therapists are licensed or eligible to be licensed in their discipline. Based on a comprehensive assessment and social history, the therapist and individual(s) develop a mutually agreed upon plan for treatment 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 Substance Use Disorder 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. All counselors/therapists are certified or eligible for certification through the Iowa Board of Substance Abuse Certification. Services are available for juveniles and adults. Based on a comprehensive assessment and social history the therapist and individual(s) develop the service. Seasons also provides DOT evaluations for individuals who have received an OWI/DUI charge.

### **Peer Support**

Peer Supports work closely with individuals who have been diagnosed with a mental illness or substance use disorder, as well as families in which a child has been diagnosed with a mental health diagnosis. They utilize their own lived experience in a positive manner to empower individuals and/or families by teaching skills that assist them in finding their own voice. Peer Supports provide a variety of services, including information sharing, assistance with navigating various systems, reinforcing coping skills, providing emotional support, and helping individuals and families become their own advocates.

### **Psychiatric Services**

Psychiatric Services are provided by Psychiatrists, Physicians Assistants, and/or Nurse Practitioners. Comprehensive outpatient psychiatric care is provided to children and adults. The Psychiatrist/PA/ARNP diagnose and treat psychiatric disorders. Psychiatric services 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.

### **School-Based Services**

School-based services include therapy and skill building and are provided within select schools in which Seasons is formally contracted with (see our website for the full list of schools). Skill building services are 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. Services will be billed to insurance; however, contracts that Seasons maintains with schools may cover some service costs that insurance may not.



## 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, regardless of health status, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, arrest or conviction record.
- The right to receive care based on their individual situations/needs.
- The right to have the quality of their care assured.
- The right to consistent enforcement of program rules and expectations.
- The right to consent or decline services.
- The right to refuse any service, treatment, or medication, unless mandated by law or court order. Consequences of refusal will be discussed with the individual, and may include discharge from services.
- The right to receive services in a setting where no force, threats, or pressure are used, and where autonomy, respect, and self-determination are protected.
- 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 in order that 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 to be informed of the benefits, risks, side effects, and alternatives to services.
- The right to speak with Crisis Staff, over the phone, regardless of age or other demographic without guardian consent; however, consent to treat by client or parent/ guardian of a minor is required for mobile crisis calls.
- The right for a minor, over the age of 12, to consent to Substance Use treatment without parent/guardian consent.
- 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, lodge complaints, and express grievances about the services received and to appeal agency actions, including alleged civil rights violations, verbally or by completing the Individual Appeal Form without risk of interference or retaliation.
- The right to have access to their patient records, and to have their records protected from an invasion of privacy. To have information held confidential unless consent is given in written form 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.
- The right to write advance directives and have those followed by their providers.

### Individual Responsibilities include:

- Individuals will provide Seasons with information that is needed to treat them, including health status, address or phone number changes, and insurance coverage.
- Individuals will actively participate in the establishment of treatment goals
- Individuals will keep scheduled appointments and notify Seasons regarding any necessary changes in scheduled appointments.



- Individuals will inform their primary clinician of any change in medication and will take medication as prescribed.
- Individuals will follow through with sessions, recommendations, or homework assignments between sessions.
- Individuals will check with pharmacy regarding refills before contacting Seasons Center
- Individuals will understand the difference between a true emergency and a condition needing urgent care and will utilize the emergency room appropriately.
- 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 or vulgarity 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.

**The following behaviors could result in discharge from or termination of services:**

- Individuals excessively no call, no show for their appointments without reasonable communication.
- Individuals do not follow through with sessions, recommendations, or homework assignments between sessions.
- Individuals disregard the privacy and confidentiality of other clients.
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**Hours of Operation:** Seasons Center for Behavioral Health's standard hours of operation for services are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 5 PM. Flexibility for evening hours are dependent upon services provided and the provider. Seasons Center for Behavioral Health's Crisis Line and Crisis Services are available 24/7 and can be accessed by calling 844-345-4569.

**Prohibited Treatment Practices:** 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 public education demonstration programs involving audio visual equipment or one-way mirrors.

**Violation of Rights:** 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. If you believe that your civil rights have been violated, you may also choose to file a complaint with the Crime Victim Assistance Division or Office of Civil Rights at the below links:

- <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/manual/chapter-24-discriminationcomplaint-process/civilrights-complaint-process>
- <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

**Dan Ries**  
President | CEO



## Seasons Center for Behavioral Health (Seasons) Notice of Privacy Practices – Effective Date: February 16, 2026

This notice is distributed to clients at time of intake and is on our website: [www.seasonscenter.org](http://www.seasonscenter.org).

### **This notice describes:**

- How medical information about you may be used and disclosed
- 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. Accessing information from the medical record is a clinical issue. You may often have questions or concerns about the contents of your medical record, which can be addressed to your satisfaction without actual review or release of information from the record. This approach should be considered as the first alternative. 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.

**Substance Use Services:** federal law (42 CFR Part 2) protects the confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records.

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
- Notify you if a breach of unsecured health information occurs
- 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. *Please note:* Recipients of this information may possibly re-release the information without proper authorization, and once information is disclosed it may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations.



### **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 quality 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 as permitted by confidentiality laws (HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2).
- **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/qualified service organizations:** There are some services provided in our organization through contracts with business associates or qualified services organizations. 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 or qualified service organization 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 or qualified service organization 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.
- **Court Proceedings:** Records, or testimony relaying the content of such records, shall not be used or disclosed in any civil, administrative, criminal, or legislative proceedings against you unless based on your specific written consent or a court order. Records shall only be used or disclosed based on a court order after notice and an opportunity to hear is provided to you (the patient) and/or the holder of the record, where required by 42 USC§290dd-2 and 42 CFR Part 2. A court order authorizing use or disclosure must be accompanied by a subpoena or other similar legal mandate compelling disclosure before the record is used or disclosed. If you were mandated to treatment through the criminal legal system (including drug court, probation, or parole) and you sign a consent authorizing disclosures to elements of the criminal legal system such as the court, probation officers, parole officers, prosecutors, or other law enforcement, your right to revoke consent may be more limited and should be clearly explained on the consent you sign.



## Psychiatric Advance Directives

### **What is a Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD)?**

A Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) is a legal document allowing a person to direct their healthcare in the event that they become unable to make or communicate healthcare decisions, including mental healthcare.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

*If you would like more information or have questions please let your provider know.*

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