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To communicate with you by email or Short Message Service (SMS, sometimes referred to as “texting”) we would like to inform you about risks to confidentiality that may arise when communicating via these methods and get your agreement that you understand the risks when communicating via email or SMS.

Agreements

1. I understand that communication with Center for Conscious Alchemy may be initiated by me under certain circumstances, most notably, for convenience.
2. I understand that email and SMS messages may not be encrypted and, therefore, may not be considered secure. There is a potential that those messages could be read by someone for whom the message is not intended. For this reason, Center for Conscious Alchemy cannot guarantee that email and SMS messages are secure.
3. By using email or SMS when communicating with my provider at Center for Conscious Alchemy I am giving permission for that provider to determine the appropriateness to reply with a message that may include confidential information. And, acknowledging that Center for Conscious Alchemy cannot guarantee security of emails or SMS messages, I agree that Center for Conscious Alchemy shall not be liable for a breach of confidentiality resulting from an electronic security issue.
4. I understand that my provider will use their best professional judgment to limit email and SMS messages to brief inquiries or responses regarding scheduling or coordination. At times, my provider may send me information about resources via email or SMS that can enhance my treatment and I consent to receive this information.
5. I understand that email and SMS are not appropriate for time-sensitive matters and agree to use the Center for Conscious Alchemy Electronic Health Record System (CHARM) to request scheduling changes or make inquiries for other time-sensitive matters.
6. I understand that elements of email and SMS messages may be input to my health record (“chart”) and that those elements would then be accessible to anyone who has been given access to those records by Center for Conscious Alchemy.

I understand and agree to the statements above and my signature below indicates that, should I initiate using these methods, I consent to email and SMS communication with TAC Telepsychiatry. PATIENT SIGNATURE
