



**DOCUMENTATION OF
INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:
COUPLES THERAPY**

We understand that couples therapy begins with an evaluation of our relationship, past and present. While Mr. Hafen is deciding whether he is the appropriate therapist for us, we will decide whether we wish to begin couples therapy with him. We understand that because of the commitment of time and money, plus the potential impact on us and others (see below), it is important to make an informed choice for a couples therapist.

We have read and understand the potential limits of confidentiality, including those imposed by Mr. Hafen's policies and by state law, and we have received a copy to keep. *[If we have dependent children, we have read and understood the potential limits of confidentiality regarding access to records in child custody cases].*

We understand that information discussed in couples therapy is for therapeutic purposes and is not intended for use in any legal proceedings involving the partners. We agree not to subpoena Mr. Hafen to testify for or against either party or to provide records in a court action.

We understand all policies as described on the INFORMED CONSENT sheet and accept them as conditions for entering into couples therapy with Mr. Hafen. We understand that Mr. Hafen does not work with any insurance companies. We agree to pay for all services provided by Mr. Hafen. We agree to Mr. Hafen's policy of charging a fee if we fail to cancel appointments in advance.

We have been given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss confidentiality and disclosure policies with Mr. Hafen. We understand that while working as a couple, anything either of us might say to Mr. Hafen individually, whether by phone or in an individual session, will be held confidential and will not be shared with the spouse/partner without the individual's consent.

We agree to share responsibility with Mr. Hafen for the therapy process, including goal setting and termination. By entering into couples therapy, we accept that we both understand that working toward change may involve experiencing difficult and intense feelings, some of which may be painful, in order to reach therapy goals. We understand that the changes one or both of us makes will have an impact on our partner and on others around us. We accept that such changes can have both positive and negative effects and agree to clarify and evaluate potential effects of changes before undertaking them. *[This is especially true if we have dependent children.]*

[Mr. Hafen has explained that his therapeutic focus in couples therapy is on preserving and enhancing the relationship rather than a focus on individual happiness. If remaining together is harmful to one or both partners, the focus will be on facilitating an amicable separation.]



By signing below, we agree to accept mental health services from Mr. Hafen and accept full responsibility for payment for such services.

Patient _____ Date _____

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