**Sample Telehealth Informed Consent Form During COVID-19 Pandemic**

(Practice Name)

DEFINITION: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) defines telehealth as the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, and public health and health administration. Technologies include videoconferencing, the internet, store- and-forward imaging, streaming media, and landline and wireless communications

NATURE OF TELEMEDICINE VISIT: During the telemedicine visit, details of your medical history, examinations, imaging and/or testing may be discussed using interactive video, audio, and telecommunications technologies. Telemedicine visits may help limit the spread of contagious diseases, including the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I understand there are limitations with telemedicine visits, such as being able to conduct physical exams, which may limit my provider’s ability to diagnose certain conditions.

I understand that a variety of alternative methods of medical care may be available to me and my healthcare professional has explained the alternatives to my satisfaction and I may choose to opt out of telemedicine in favor of another appropriate and available method at any time.

I understand that, as with any technology, telemedicine has technology limitations which may affect my provider’s ability to fully complete a telemedicine visit. In the event of technology limitations, I understand my provider may need to end the telemedicine visit and discuss other treatment delivery options.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has permitted certain telecommunication methods which might not otherwise be permitted. I understand that my healthcare provider will still work to maintain the security of information transmitted. [If a practice utilized communication applications that comply with the HIPAA security requirements, a statement to that effect could be replaced here.]

Due to the healthcare impact of COVID-19, I understand that this telemedicine visit may occur with a licensed healthcare professional in another state.

I, (name of patient or parent/guardian), agree to participate in a telemedicine visit and authorize the electronic transmission of my medical information and/or video conferencing session. By signing this form, I acknowledge I have read and fully understand the above information.

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Patient Signature (or Signature of Person Completing Form if Not Patient\*) Date

\*Relationship to patient: □ Parent □ Legal Guardian □ Other:

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Physician Signature Date