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

(Practice Name)

DEFINITION: The Health Resources and Services Administration [(HRSA)](Source:%20https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/3015/what-is-telehealth/index.html) 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