



# Therapy Center of Buda

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## TELETHERAPY CONSENT FORM

**Definition of Services:** I hereby consent to engage in teletherapy with Xanadu Rehabilitation, Inc. dba Therapy Center of Buda. Teletherapy is a form of speech-language and/or occupational therapy services provided via internet technology, which can include consultation, evaluation, reevaluation, treatment, transfer of medical data, emails, telephone conversations and/or education using interactive audio, video, or data communications. I also understand that teletherapy involves the communication of my medical/health information, both orally and/or visually. Teletherapy has the same purpose or intention as speech-language therapy or occupational therapy treatment sessions that are conducted in person. However, due to the nature of the technology used, I understand that teletherapy may be experienced somewhat differently than face-to-face treatment sessions. I understand that I have the following rights with respect to teletherapy: Patient's Rights, Risks, and Responsibilities:

1. I understand that teletherapy is being provided in lieu of in-clinic services traditionally provided by Xanadu Rehabilitation, Inc. dba Therapy Center of Buda, under special circumstances related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic/ crisis. These services will only be provided as long as the state of Texas allows it or until deemed by TCOB that it is safe to resume face-to-face services. Charges for teletherapy remains the same as in-clinic services.
2. I attest that the patient named below resides in Texas.
3. I have the right to withhold or withdraw consent at any time without affecting my right to future care or treatment.
4. The laws that protect the confidentiality of medical information, (HIPAA) also apply to teletherapy. As such, I understand that the information disclosed by me during the course of my therapy or consultation is generally confidential. However, there are both mandatory and permissive exceptions to confidentiality, which are described in the general Consent Form I received at the start of my treatment with Xanadu Rehabilitation, Inc., dba Therapy Center of Buda.
5. I understand that there are risks and consequences of participating in teletherapy, including, but not limited to, the possibility, despite best efforts to ensure high encryption and secure technology on the part of my speech or occupational therapist, that: the transmission of my information could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures; the transmission of my information could be interrupted by unauthorized persons; and/or the electronic storage of my medical information could be accessed by unauthorized persons.
6. There is a risk that services could be disrupted or distorted by unforeseen technical problems.
7. I understand that teletherapy based services and care may not be as complete as face-to-face services.
8. I understand that results cannot be guaranteed or assured. I understand that there are potential risks and benefits associated with any form of therapy.
9. I understand that there is a risk of being overheard by anyone near me if I am not in a private room while participating in teletherapy. I am responsible for:
  - a. Providing the necessary computer, iPad, tablet, or smartphone equipment and internet access for my teletherapy sessions
  - b. Arranging a location with sufficient lighting and privacy that is free from distractions or intrusions for my teletherapy session. It is the responsibility of the provider to do the same on their end.
10. I understand that dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from the telemedicine interaction to researchers or other entities shall not occur without my written consent. I have read, understand and agree to the information provided above regarding teletherapy.

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Patient Name

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Patient date of birth

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Printed name of person authorized to sign in lieu of patient (if applicable)

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Signature of patient or patient representative

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Date signed