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**Sample Disclosure Statement for Addiction Counselors working in
DBH Licensed Agencies**

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1. Name, business address, and business telephone number
2. Name of counselor (or list of counselor names) with academic credentials, registration, certification, or licensure currently held, including the education, experience, and training completed in order to obtain the degree and credentials.
3. The practice of registered, certified or licensed persons in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the Mental Health Licensing Section of the Division of Registrations. Questions and complaints regarding addiction counselors may be addressed to:

Board of Addiction Counselor Examiners
1560 Broadway, Ste. 1350, Denver, CO 80202
303-894-7800

The Division of Behavioral Health has the general responsibility for regulating practices of licensed substance use disorder treatment programs in the State of Colorado. Questions and complaints may be directed to:

Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health
3824 W. Princeton Circle, Denver, CO 80236 (303) 866-7400

4. The regulatory requirements applicable to mental health professionals are as follows:
 - ✓ Registered psychotherapist is a psychotherapist listed in the State's database and is authorized by law to practice psychotherapy in Colorado, but is not licensed or certified by the State and is not required to satisfy any standardized educational or testing requirements.
 - ✓ Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate or the equivalent, complete required training hours and 1000 hours of clinically supervised work experience.
 - ✓ Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II) must be a high school graduate or the equivalent and meet the CAC I requirements, complete additional training hours above the CAC I, and 2000 hours of clinically supervised work experience.
 - ✓ Certified Addiction Counselor III (CAC III) must have a Bachelor's degree in the behavioral health sciences or field, complete additional training above the CAC II, and 2000 hours of clinically supervised work experience.
 - ✓ Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical Master's degree, meet the CAC III requirements, and pass a national examination in addiction treatment.
 - ✓ Licensed Social Worker must hold a master's degree in social work.
 - ✓ Psychologist Candidate, Marriage and Family Candidate, and a Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate must hold the necessary licensing degree and be in the process of completing the required supervision for licensure.

- ✓ Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a master's degree in their profession and have two years of post-masters supervision.
 - ✓ Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision.
5. You are entitled to receive information from your therapist about the methods of therapy, the techniques used, the duration of your therapy (if known) and the fee structure. You can seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time. In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never appropriate and should be reported to the Board that registers, certifies or licenses the registrant, certificate holder or licensee.
 6. Generally speaking, the information provided by and to the client during therapy sessions is legally confidential and cannot be released without the client's consent. There are exceptions to this confidentiality, some of which are listed in Section 12-43-218 of the Colorado Revised Statutes as well as other exceptions in Colorado and federal law. For example, mental health professionals are required to report child abuse to authorities. If a legal exception to confidentiality arises during therapy, if feasible, you will be informed accordingly.
 7. I understand that my alcohol and/or drug treatment records are protected under the Federal Confidentiality Regulation, 42 C. F. R., Part 2, governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records. Confidential information cannot be disclosed without my written permission unless otherwise provided for by the regulations.

If your practice is covered by HIPAA, please add the following: "Exceptions to confidentiality may also be found in the Notice of Privacy Rights you were provided."

8. I have read the preceding information, it has been provided to me verbally, and I understand my rights as a client or as the client's responsible party.

Print Client Name

Client Signature or Responsible Party's Signature

Date