



Patient's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

CONSENT FOR EMAIL AND TEXT COMMUNICATION

Therapists at Speech4Kids of Gainesville frequently use email or text message during the course of treatment to communicate, including sending receipts for services, appointment reminders and exchanging other patient information. Be aware that these methods, in their typical form, are not confidential means of communication.

Your therapist at Speech4Kids of Gainesville will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of email and text information sent and received; however, because of the risks identified below, your therapist cannot guarantee the security of email communication.

- E-mail or texts can be circulated, forwarded and stored in paper and electronic files.
- E-mail or texts can be immediately broadcast worldwide.
- E-mail or text senders can type in the wrong address, which could result in the message being received by unintended recipients.
- E-mail or texts are easier to falsify than handwritten or signed documents. Backup copies may exist even after the sender or the recipient has deleted his or her copy.
- Employers have a right to archive and inspect e-mails transmitted through their systems.
- E-mail or texts can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, or used without authorization or detection.
- E-mail can be used to introduce viruses into computer systems.
- E-mail or texts can be used as evidence in court.

My signature below indicates I have been informed of the risks of transmitting my protected health information by unsecured means. I understand that I am not required to sign this agreement in order to receive treatment, and may choose to not receive any forms of electronic communication from Speech4Kids of Gainesville. I also understand that I may terminate this consent at any time.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Relationship to patient

