RE: ____________________________________________

Client Name

The Speech and Hearing Center is a facility at Mercy College that renders professional speech, language, and hearing evaluation and therapy services to the public. In addition to its service function, the Center is an integral part of the undergraduate and graduate programs of Mercy’s Communication Disorders Department. Substantially all services at the Center are performed by graduate and/or undergraduate students working under the direct supervision of New York State licensed, ASHA-certified faculty members.

Students observe interactions between students, supervisors, and clients (e.g., interviews, evaluations, and therapy) through one-way mirrors or on video monitors. In addition, sessions may be audio- and/or video-taped to be used for supervisory conferences or other instructional purposes only.

Your signature below indicates agreement in writing to cooperate with the educational and training activities of the Center and of the Communication Disorders Department at Mercy College. Be assured that such activities will in no way interfere with the quality of the services rendered at the Center.

I have read the above statement and agree as the client/legal guardian of the client that:

1. Speech/language/hearing services may be delivered by students and/or faculty supervisors.
2. Clinical interactions, including interviews, evaluations and therapy, may be
   a. Observed by students; and
   b. Audio- and/or video-taped for instructional purposes only in accordance with HIPAA privacy practices and in connection with the teaching programs of the Center and Mercy College.
3. Information from client files may be used for research purposes.

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Signature of Client/Legal Guardian                          Date

The Mercy Speech and Hearing Center does not discriminate with respect to race, creed, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or disability when evaluating and/or treating clients.

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