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Consent for Substance Abuse Evaluation (SOS-258)

Driver license restoration patients should consider having an attorney guide them through this process which includes obtaining a Substance Abuse Evaluation (form SOS-258) which can be viewed at the Michigan.gov website. However, the decision to hire an attorney is a personal one. This 2 page form needs to be completed by a licensed professional such as myself who evaluates you based on information you bring (documents), and also based on what you say in the interview process, as well as results of a 10 panel drug test (and alcohol test) and paper and pencil testing. Please understand that you are paying for an evaluation...and this evaluation may or may not be positive. You can decide after obtaining the signed form if you want to use it, as you will be the one sending it. The evaluation is \$300 and is payable at the beginning of the first session by either check, cash, American Express, Discover, Visa, or MasterCard. There will be a \$50 fee on returned checks. The evaluation will span two sessions and you will pick up your signed evaluation approximately a week after the 2nd session. Keep in mind Substance Abuse Evaluations expire in 90 days...so you will want to either have your hearing scheduled or ready to do so immediately. Once you take a look at form SOS-258 you will see I need very detailed information from you.

- **Lifetime Conviction History** –This includes a listing of all crimes involving drugs or alcohol. Please refer to your driving and criminal records. Do not leave anything out...BE HONEST.
- **Testing Instruments** –I will be giving you two paper and pencil tests in either session 1 or session 2 or both.
- **Lifetime Treatment History for Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse** – The only way for me to know about your treatment history is to learn about it from you. The hearing officer will want to know about all the treatment you've completed, including in or out-patient treatment, and even driver intervention classes. You need to come to my office with this already written down and I need a copy of it from you.
- **Lifetime Support Group History** – If you've ever gone to AA or any other 12-step program, then such attendance or participation should be listed here.
- **Diagnostic Impression** - Based on my interview and testing, my review of your letters and urinalysis, I will be diagnosing you. This diagnosis goes on form SOS-258.
- **Client Prognosis** –This is the part where I indicate whether I feel you have an addiction, whether it is under control, etc. I take this seriously and I do not always give positive prognoses...and you do NOT have to send in the eval.
- **Continuum of Care** – If I think you need future treatment I will state it here.
- **Lifetime Relapse History** –I will rely your statements and any documentation you bring me for this part.

As part of your evaluation I will need to see the results of your drug testing (mailed or faxed to me directly), Secretary of State driving record printout, as well as copies of your notarized reference letters, and I will ask to speak directly to 2-3 people who currently know you best. You will sign releases when we meet allowing me to do these things. If anything written above is not clear or you have questions, please ask me before our first meeting by phone (734-355-8216) or e-mail (info@newpolpsychologicalservices.com), as you have been asked to download this form from my website prior to the evaluation.

My signature below acknowledges that I have read the above Consent for Substance Abuse Evaluation, and I agree to the terms discussed and have had any unanswered questions explained.

Signature of Patient

Date

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