

## **GAMBLING SCREENING TOOL**

## Warning: The following screening tool is intended to identify problem gambling. It is not to replace professional and clinical judgment. Consult a clinician for proper diagnosis.

Answer each question as it applies to you:

|  | YES | NO |
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| Do you gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve desired excitement?                         |     |    |
| Do you lie to others about your involvement in gambling?   |     |    |
| A yes answer to either of the above questions indicates that you may have a gambling problem.                  |     |    |
| Are you preoccupied with reliving past gambling experiences, or thinking of ways to get money to gamble?       |     |    |
| Are you unable to cut back, control or stop gambling?  |     |    |
| Do you feel anxious or irritable when attempting to cut down or stop gambling?                                 |     |    |
| After losing, do you feel that you must return as soon as possible to win back your losses?                    |     |    |
| Do you use gambling as a way of escaping from problems or relieving a sad mood?                                |     |    |
| Have you committed illegal acts (i.e., bad checks, etc.) in order to subsidize gambling or pay gambling debts? |     |    |
| Do you rely on others to provide money or bail you out of a desperate financial situation caused by gambling?  |     |    |
| Have you jeopardized or lost a significant relationship, job or other opportunities because of gambling?       |     |    |

If you answered yes to five (5) or more of the above items, you may have a gambling problem.

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