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GENERAL FEE POLICY

The fee for services is \$475.00 for a 75-minute consultation and \$285.00 per individual session (45-50 minutes). Fees for any additional psychological services will be negotiated on an as-needed basis.

Payment is due at each appointment. You are also responsible for this fee for scheduled sessions that are not attended, without giving 24-hour notice of the absence. If fees are not paid, the therapist may refuse to offer additional services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MEDICARE RECIPIENTS

The therapist is a Medicare provider. If you are a Medicare recipient, the fee is less than the therapist's usual rate because the allowable amount is set by National Government Services each year. There is a co-pay, a portion of the allowable fee. You will be responsible for paying that at the time of service, while the therapist will bill Medicare directly for the balance. If you have secondary private insurance, you are responsible for obtaining reimbursement from them directly. The only exception is if your secondary insurer participates in a crossover billing arrangement with Medicare. Then Medicare electronically sends the bill to the secondary insurer on your behalf and the co-payment is covered by them automatically. If there are any changes in your eligibility status, you are responsible to inform the therapist. If Medicare denies payment because of eligibility changes, you will be responsible for the therapist's fee.

1) Your Name (Client): _____ File #: _____

2) Date of Birth: _____

3) Medicare Number: _____ (please also provide a copy of your card)

4) Do you have another insurance plan that will reimburse you for psychotherapy? _____

5) If you have a secondary insurer, do they participate in a "crossover" arrangement with Medicare? _____ . Have you verified this with the secondary insurer? _____ *

* Please note that the therapist bills Medicare at the end of each calendar month and Medicare pays within 3 weeks after that. If you have secondary crossover insurance, the co-payment will come to the therapist about 2-3 weeks after that point. The therapist does not deal directly with any private insurance companies regarding the payment of bills (but will provide treatment plans if they require them). If there is any problem with the secondary insurance crossover payments within the first billing cycle after you begin treatment, the therapist will inform you and you will be responsible for communicating with the insurance company directly in order to ensure their compliance with the crossover arrangement. Although the therapist does not make calls to private insurance companies regarding unpaid bills, she will provide to you any documents you may need to secure the payment. If obstacles are not addressed within the second billing cycle, you will be responsible for paying the co-payment directly to the therapist.

Date

Patient
