Licensed Marraige Family Therapist

MA; PPS; LMFT, #90874

Agreement for Services Informed Consent for Treatment

This document is intended to provide information to you regarding your treatment. Please read the entire document carefully and be sure to ask your therapist any questions that you may have regarding it's content.

At an appropriate time, your therapist will discuss her professional background with you and provide you with information regarding her experience, education, and professional orientation. You are free to ask questions at any time about your therapist's background, experience and professional orientation.

FEES AND INSURANCE:

The fee for service is \$120.00 per individual therapy session.

The fee for service is \$140.00 per conjoint therapy session.

Sessions are approximately 50 minutes in length.

Sliding Scale may be available.

Fees are payable at the time that service is rendered.

If your therapist does not accept your insurance, she can provide a Super bill for you to submit to your insurance company for reimbursement.

If for some reason you find that you are unable to continue paying for your therapy, please inform your therapist. Your therapist will help you to consider any options that may be available to you at that time.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

All communications between you and your therapist will be held in strict confidence unless you provide written permission to release information about your treatment.

If you participate in conjoint therapy, your therapist will not disclose confidential information about your treatment unless all person(s) who participated in the treatment with you provide their written authorization to release. (In addition, you're your therapist will not disclose information communicated privately to her by one family member, to any other family member with out written permission.)

EXCEPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIALITY

Therapists are legally required to report instances of suspected child, dependent adult or elder abuse to the appropriate governmental agencies, usually county welfare department.

Therapists may also be required to break confidentiality when they have determined that a client presents a serious danger of physical violence to another person or when a client presents a danger to her or himself.

In the case where a multidisciplinary team approach would provide the best treatment for the client, the therapist may ask to have permission and written authorization to discuss information relevant to client's care (treatment approach, treatment progress, interventions, and recommendations with other providers, as appropriate).

Disclosure of limited information required by health insurers or to collect overdue fees.

If the client is involved in court proceedings and a request for information regarding therapeutic care, such information is legally considered privileged information. The therapist cannot release this information without you/client or parents/guardians of client provide written consent authorizing the release of information, a court order, or subpoena.

If the client files a complaint or lawsuit against the therapist, the therapist may disclose relevant information regarding client care in order to defend self.

If the client has filed a worker's compensation claim or leave of absence involving their mental health, the therapist must, upon request, disclose information relevant to claimant's condition to the employer.

Please feel free to ask your therapist about her "no secrets" policy and how it may apply to you.

MINORS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

Communications between therapists and clients who are minors (under the age of 18 years) are confidential. However, parents and other guardians who provide authorization for their child's treatment are often involved in their treatment. Consequently, your therapist may use her professional judgment when discussing treatment progress of a minor client with the parent or caretaker. Clients who are minors and their parents are encouraged to discuss any questions or concerns that they have on this topic with their therapist.

If such a situation should arise, your therapist will make every reasonable effort to fully discuss information with you prior to taking any action. Your therapist will limit disclosure to a minimum as necessary and appropriate.

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