

## **Client Agreement**

**FEES:** Fee for the session is due at the **start** of the session. Each session must be paid for at the time of service. You are responsible for the payment of my services. I do not take insurance. I will provide you with a superbill if you like.

**APPOINTMENTS:** I have a 24-hour notice of cancelation policy. Should you not show up for an appointment and do not cancel prior to the 24-hour period, you will be charged for the missed session.

**SESSIONS AND FEE:** Individual sessions are **50 minutes** in length, unless specified otherwise. The charge for a 50 minute session is \$175. Couple's sessions are 90 minutes in length and the charge for that is \$240.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Any information disclosed to me by yourself or any member of your family is confidential. It will not be released to anyone without your signed written consent *except as mandated by law*, i.e., when there is reasonable suspicion of child, elder or dependent adult abuse, or there is reasonable suspicion that you pose a danger to yourself or others.

I have a *no secrets* policy while working with couples.

Case information may be discussed in peer consultation for improvement in quality of service, or for research and educational purposes. In such cases your identifying information will be disguised so that confidentiality is not compromised.

In case of a legal dispute between you and me, there will be no confidentiality. In order to protect myself, I may need to divulge clinical and psychotherapeutic information about the case.

**AVAILABILITY BETWEEN AND OUT OF SESSIONS:** In case of emergency, please call 911 or go to your nearest hospital. If you need to consult me between sessions, you can call me. I shall make every effort to return your call within 24 hours. If needed, I make an effort to interact with other professionals involved in the care of my clients (for example, meeting with your child's teacher, or speaking with your doctor or psychiatrist). I charge \$35 per each 10 minute time slot. Same charge applies to email communication and session overrun.

**LEGAL REPORT AND/OR TESTIMONY:** In case I need to get involved in legal matters that pertain to you (such as writing reports for the court system, court appearance, etc.), I shall charge \$350 per hour for my time and bill you for the expenses. I will charge you if you want copies of your case records for some reason. Records may be kept off-site. I need to be compensated for my time, effort, and expense at the above rate.

**EMAIL COMMUNICATION:** Communication by email or texting may not be secure, I shall communicate with you on email with your permission. If you send me an email or request information by email I shall comply. My email is password protected. You will be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of such communication at your end. If you would like alternate means of communication that may be more secure, please let me know.

Online Therapy is conducted using HIPPA compliant platforms. I subscribe to doxy.me. Occasionally, the calls may be dropped and we may need to reconnect. I have no control over such interruptions. If you feel strongly about using another platform, let me know. However, be advised that non-HIPPA compliant platforms may not be secure.

In order to maintain the integrity of the therapeutic process, I will not be your “friend” on social networking sites.

**ABOUT PSYCHOTHERAPY:** I suggest that you read the Frequently Asked Questions under the tab FAQ. You have the right to end therapy anytime. I shall be glad to provide you with referrals to other therapists if you like.

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