

Please read this policy carefully, initial where indicated and sign.

Consent to Treat

- Psychological services include consultation services regarding behavioral, developmental, or emotional concerns; which provides diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations, and psychotherapy; which has been shown to have benefits in the reduction of feelings of distress, increased satisfaction in interpersonal relationships, greater personal awareness and insight, increased skills for managing stress and resolutions to specific problems. There are no guarantees or assurances of what you will experience.
- Providers are often not immediately available by telephone. A message may be left with the front desk or on the provider's confidential voicemail. Every effort to return your call within a reasonable time is made during business hours. In the event of an emergency, contact your family physician, call 9-1-1 or proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Assignment of Benefits / Payment for Services

- There is a standard fee for professional services. Please ask for a fee schedule for details.
- Insurance will be billed for services. Insurance may or may not cover the services provided at Psychology Consultation Specialists. You are responsible for the amount due for any services not covered by your insurance plan. Payment can be made with a check, cash, or credit card. **I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges.** _____ (initial)
- Insurance companies require a formal diagnosis with their claims. Diagnoses are technical terms that describe presenting concerns.
- Any checks returned to the office are subject to an additional fee of \$25.00.
- Past due accounts more than 60 days will be turned over to a collection service or small-claims court.
- Psychology Consultation Specialists (PCS) will bill your insurance company for your appointments. If you do not pay your deductible, co-pay, or co-insurance at the time of your appointment, PCS will send you a billing statement. Any statement amount that you do not pay in full via the due date of that statement will be charged to the credit card on file. **It is our office policy to have a credit card number on file.**
- If your account is sent to collections for non-payment, there will be a 33.33% fee added to the outstanding balance to cover incident collections costs.

Important Notes

- **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations made with less than 24 hours' notice will be charged the full appointment fee (\$200.00 - \$250.00 / hour). This charge cannot be billed to your insurance policy. _____ (initial)
- Financial arrangements between divorced parents must be handled independently of Psychology Consultation Specialists. Although court orders may assign responsibility for a child's healthcare expenses to one parent or another, we, as mental health providers, are not bound by the terms of such court orders. **Fees due on the day of an appointment must be collected at every visit regardless of who brings a child to the appointment.** _____ (initial if applicable)
- If you become involved in litigation that requires Psychology Consultation Specialists participation (it is recommended that this is discussed fully *before* waiving the right to confidentiality), you will be responsible for the payment of professional time required even if Psychology Consultation Specialists is compelled to testify by another party. Our charge is \$315.00 per hour for preparation and attendance at any legal proceeding.

By signing this consent for treatment, you fully understand the office policies and agree to abide by them. You acknowledge that you have been provided with a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes uses, disclosures, and rights of your protected health information.

(Signature of Patient)

Date

(Signature of consenting party, if other than patient)

Date

(Relationship to patient)