

## Fees, Payment And Insurance Reimbursement

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I have two separate fee schedules. If you are a member of an MCO (i.e., MHN, US Behavioral Health, HealthNet, ValueOptions, Pacificare, or Aetna) then the fee is contracted and you will have a co-pay typically ranging from \$5 to \$50 per session. It is your responsibility to pay your deductible and any portion of fees that are not covered by your insurance. This office will provide you with appropriate assistance, including help in filling out insurance forms. You, however, and not your insurance company are responsible for payment of the fees to which we have agreed. It is very important to find out exactly what mental health services your policy covers. In most cases, advance authorization is necessary. Make sure you have called the 800# and confirmed if you require a preauthorization or not. Please note that if your insurance company has not paid me after 90 days from the billing, you will be responsible for the amount on a non-insurance basis, which is \$130 per visit.

Due to the increased problems with insurance companies, I require you to write me a check for \$150 at the beginning of the first session. MCO's do not guarantee payments and can change their mind even after they preauthorize treatment. If you doubt this, please read your contract with them. Because of this, I must ask that you make a \$150 deposit. I will not cash the check and will return it to you when the insurance pays me, or you may apply it to the co-pay. I bill the first session within 2 days of service.

If you contract me on a fee for service basis (non-insurance), my fee for psychotherapy is \$130 per 50 minute session and \$130 for each 50 minute Neurofeedback session. Telephone conversations longer than 10 minutes, general report writing and editing, and extended sessions will be charged at \$35 per 10-minute increments.

If you require legal reports from me, you must have your attorney request this in writing. Forensic services are not covered by managed care or any insurance companies. My fees are \$200 per hour billed in increments of \$50 per each 15 minutes. If I am called to testify as an expert witness in your legal case, I charge \$250 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours.

*Additional fee not covered by managed care:*

Initial Chart Set up Fee: \$25 due at the end of our first meeting.

### *Agreement:*

I read the above office procedures carefully. I understand them and agree to comply with them:

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Client name (print)

Date

Signature

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Signature