

OFFICE POLICIES AND CONSENT TO TREATMENT

OFFICE POLICIES

We are committed to providing you with quality care. The following office policies are for your information. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies, please speak with your therapist as soon as possible.

Insurance: If certain insurance carriers or HMO's insure you, this office can bill the insurance carrier directly to the extent of your policy's coverage for psychotherapy sessions. Co-payments and deductibles are the client's responsibility to pay directly at the time of service. Services provided beyond the limits of annual coverage are to be paid directly by the client. Unless otherwise arranged, clients covered by all other insures must pay for services privately and obtain reimbursement directly from the insurance company.

Fee schedule: Payments are due at the time of appointment unless otherwise agreed upon. The following schedule lists the standard fees most commonly requested services;

Diagnostic Evaluation (45-50 minutes)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Family/ Couple Psychotherapy (45-50 minutes)	<u>\$145.00</u>
Individual Psychotherapy (45-50 minutes)	<u>\$125.00</u>
Group Therapy (45-50 minutes)	<u>\$75.00</u>

Cancellations and Missed Appointments: If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, **24 hour notice is required for cancellation.** Failure to attend a scheduled appointment will result in being charged the full fee unless prohibited by federal regulations. This is not billable to your insurance company, and is payable at your next appointment. Please consult with your therapist regarding his or her particular cancellation and missed appointment policy.

Emergency Coverage: Our practice is covered live, twenty-four hours per day, accessible through our main phone number, **508-993-8332.** If you identify your call as an emergency, the secretary or answering service will contact your therapist, and your therapist will call you back promptly. If for some reason you are not able to call us, you should go to the nearest emergency room or crisis center.

Contact with Primary Care Provider: By signing below I give my therapist permission to communicate

with my primary care physician _____ and/or treating

psychiatrist/nurse practitioner _____ regarding my treatment to assure continuity of care, if necessary.

_____ is an independent clinician and will be providing treatment to you or your family members in that capacity. Southcoast Counseling Associates is an association of independent practitioners for the sole purpose of cost sharing expenses. Your therapist may have you sign a separate document for this purpose.

CONSENT TO TREATMENT

I have read all of the information on this sheet and have completed the answers on the other side. I am also aware that my rights as patient are posted in the waiting area for my review. I have been offered a copy of Southcoast Counseling Associates Notice of Privacy Practices and understand that I may discuss any questions about this notice with my therapist. I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I will notify you of any changes in my health insurance status or any information requested. Payment is required within 30 days from the date of bill. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices and Business Policies.

If you have any concerns, complaints or questions about your treatment you are encouraged to share them with your therapist

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read the above Agreement of Understanding and give Informed Consent to treatment services as well as agree to the policies set forth in the Agreement. I hereby give permission to initiate and conduct treatment for myself and/or family member(s).

X

Client Signature (if minor Parent, or Legal Guardian)

Date

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COORDINATION OF CARE COMMUNICATION FORM

Date: _____ ✓ MD Name: _____
Patient: _____ MD Address: _____

DOB: _____ Phone: _____

This information is provided to facilitate coordination of treatment/continuity of care.
I saw this patient on _____.
DSM IV Diagnosis: _____

The recommended treatment is: _____

Please call me if you need to discuss this case further or if you require further information.

Signature Name (printed) Degree/License

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____ do hereby authorize **Mark Savino, LICSW** to release and exchange medical/psychiatric and psychological information pertaining to me/my child with my primary care physician and my psychiatrist. This authorization is for the exchange of information between the PCP, psychiatrist, and behavioral health clinician and vice versa. This information will include information concerning social history, diagnosis, treatment plan, tests and medications. This authorization will expire no later than one year from the date of signature.

X Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOTICE TO RECIPIENT: This information has been disclosed to you from records protected by Federal confidentiality rules (42 CFR, Part 2) and/or state law. In accordance with Federal and State law requirements, the information received pursuant to this document is confidential and recipient is prohibited from making further re-disclosure of this information to any other person or entity, or to use it for any purpose other than as authorized herein, without the written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by law. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.

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RELEVANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

TODAY'S DATE _____

X NAME: _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ CELL PHONE #: _____

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN: _____ PHONE # _____

Please list the date of your last physical exam: _____

X Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease/circulatory disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking problems or Poor balance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High blood | <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness/Tingling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Menstruation Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Genitalia Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach or Intestinal Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Bone Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dts Delirium Tremors | <input type="checkbox"/> Venereal Disease (Herpes, Gonorrhea, Etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness/Fainting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Pregnancies | <input type="checkbox"/> Are you or could you be pregnant now? |

Please list any allergies (food, medication, other) that you have:

Please list any operations that you have had:

Please list any/all medication that you are currently taking:

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Medication Changes: Date:

