



SCW Psychological, Inc.

Consent for Treatment

Welcome to SCW Psychological, Inc. This document contains information about our professional services and office policies. Please read it and feel free to discuss any questions you may have with your clinician.

Benefits and Risks of Therapy – Participating in therapy can result in a number of benefits to you, including a better understanding of yourself, alleviation of painful feelings, improved interpersonal relationships, better physical and mental health, and hopefully the resolution of the specific concerns that led you to seek therapy. However, it is also true that therapy can be uncomfortable, especially when painful feelings arise or when unpleasant aspects of your history or your present situation come up. For therapy to be effective, you need to be an active participant, both in and outside the therapy sessions.

Fees – Depending on your insurance carrier, we may be out of network providers. To the extent this applies to you, payment is accepted in the form of cash, check, or credit card. These payment methods also apply to any co-pay or deductible for which you (as the client or client representative) are responsible. You assume any and all risks associated with postdating checks or delaying deposits, and will reimburse SCW Psychological, Inc. for the cost of checks returned for insufficient funds.

Cancellations – Once we decide to work together and an appointment is scheduled, we reserve this time specifically for you. If you fail to cancel a scheduled appointment, we cannot use this time for another client and you will be billed for the entire cost of your missed appointment. A full session fee is charged for missed appointments or cancellations with less than 24 hours notice unless due to an emergency.

Sessions – Sessions range from 45 to 60 minutes and are generally scheduled on a weekly basis. More or less frequent sessions can sometimes be arranged.

Contacting SCW Psychological & Emergency Procedures – You may leave confidential phone messages at any time. It helps if you leave a few specific times when you can be reached. We will do our best to return your call on the same day or the day after. There is no charge for phone conversations of 10 minutes or less. The charge for calls of longer than 10 minutes is prorated based on your fee for a 50 minute session. Please keep in mind that SCW Psychological, Inc. is not an emergency crisis facility. If a life threatening emergency should arise, you need to seek immediate assistance by contacting the police (911) or going to your nearest emergency room or hospital.

Confidentiality – Your privacy is extremely important to us and for our work together. What you disclose to SCW Psychological, Inc. is generally protected by laws and ethics. We need your permission before we release any information concerning your treatment, except under the following circumstances:

1. If there is a reasonable suspicion of abuse/neglect of a child, elderly, dependent, or disabled person;
2. If you may be in danger of harming yourself or another person;
3. As required by a third-party to obtain reimbursement; and
4. As otherwise ordered or required by law (for example, as a result of a court order).

Additional Charges – Additional charges may be assessed for services other than therapy in session. There might be psychological assessments we decide to do, you may request a letter, or you may become involved in litigation, which may require our participation. The fees for any such services will be disclosed in advance.

I have read this Consent for Treatment and, to the extent I had any, have had all my questions answered. I understand my rights and obligations as they relate to this form and I ACCEPT, UNDERSTAND, and CONSENT to participate in treatment with SCW Psychological, Inc.

Client

SCW Psychological, Inc.

Client Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Clinician Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Date

Date