

INFORMED CONSENT & CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Welcome to counseling. I look forward to working together to help you achieve personal healing and growth. Before we get started, please read this two-page document and retain it for your records. It will explain important logistical, clinical and legal information that you will need to know.

It is important that you understand all of the contents in this document and that you ask me about any questions you may have. There is a separate "Client Intake" form that will require your signature. Your signature on the "Client Intake" form signifies that you have fully read, understand and agree to comply with all of the contents in this "Informed Consent and Client Responsibilities" document.

Confidentiality

Communication between a client and counselor is privileged and protected by law. No content from our sessions will be discussed with anybody without your consent. There are exceptions when, by law, I am required to break confidentiality, which are as follows:

- If I believe that the client is in clear and imminent danger of physically harming or killing him/herself or somebody else
- If child abuse or dependent adult abuse is suspected
- If there is a court order for me to release information

When working with adolescent clients, a trusting relationship is critical. To build that trusting relationship, it is important for the client to know that the information they share with me remains confidential. Unless there is a justified reason, from the list above, to break confidentiality, I will not share information with parents or guardians regarding the content of our sessions.

Contacting Me

Cell – (610) 608-3210

You may also use this number to send text messages but be informed that texting is not considered a confidential means of communication.

Office – (610) 828-2801

I check messages regularly and will return calls as soon as possible. If you have an urgent situation and cannot wait for my return call, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Email - jessica@jessicagetson.com

You may email me but be informed that email is not considered a confidential means of communication.

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Fees

Service/Procedure Description (time)	Code	Fee
Initial Assessment/Diagnostic Interview (60 min)	90791	\$220
Individual Psychotherapy (30 min)	90832	\$110
Individual Psychotherapy (45 min)	90834	\$165
Individual Psychotherapy (60 min)	90837	\$220
Family Therapy with patient (60 min)	90847	\$220
Family Therapy without patient (60 min)	90846	\$220
Paperwork/Telephone Time (10 min intervals)	-----	\$35

Insurance Reimbursement: I do not work directly with any insurance companies. I am considered a licensed out-of-network provider. This means that you pay me directly for my services (fees listed in chart above). I will provide you with monthly receipts that you can submit to your insurance company. It is up to you to contact your insurance company to find out what your “out of network” benefits are. I will be happy to discuss this process further with you and answer any questions you may have regarding the insurance reimbursement process.

Payment: Unless previously discussed and approved by me, all payments are due in full at each session. Payments methods accepted are cash, check and Venmo. I can be found on Venmo by my username, @Jessica-Getson. While I do not regularly accept credit card payments, I am able to process credit card payments. Clients are required to complete the “Credit Card Authorization” form, in the event that a final payment is required.

Returned Checks: If the bank returns your check unpaid, you are responsible to repay the amount of the check plus an additional processing fee of \$25. If this occurs twice you will be required to pay for all future sessions in cash.

Cancellation Policy: A 24-hour notification is required to cancel any appointment without incurring a charge. If this notice is not given, you will be responsible to pay the full fee of the missed session.

Account Finance Charges: If your account remains unpaid after 90 days, you can be assessed with additional account charges at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% annually).

Referral For Collection From Others: If your account is referred to an outside agency or attorney for collection, you will be responsible for total collection costs incurred, including all attorney fees and court costs. Recovering the unpaid balance is my right under applicable Pennsylvania law. If payments remain unpaid, I may deny subsequent counseling treatment.