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PRACTICE STATEMENT & OFFICE POLICY

Client's Rights:

- You have the right to refuse treatment.
- You have the right to change psychiatrists or receive a referral to another psychiatrist.
- You have the right and responsibility to choose a psychiatrist that best suits your needs.
- You have the right to confidentiality. There are exceptions for the reporting of abuse as required by law, dangerousness to self or others, or grave disability. Please see my "Notice of Privacy Practices."
- You have the right to raise questions about my therapeutic approach or your progress at any time.

Education, Training, and Experience:

I graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska in 1995. In 1998, after completing three years of General Psychiatry Residency at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona, I moved to Seattle to begin my Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Washington. I was Chief Resident in my second year, and graduated in 2000. After the completion of my formal training, I worked as an emergency room psychiatrist for nearly two years, and then returned to the University of Washington as a faculty psychiatrist. My work at the University included being the attending psychiatrist in the adolescent cottage at Child Study & Treatment Center on the campus of Western State Hospital, in addition to participating in clinical research looking at the treatment of early-onset schizophrenia. I am Board Certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., and am currently in full-time private practice. While my office is located at Associates in Behavioral Health, I am an independent practitioner and am solely responsible for the psychiatric services I provide.

Fee Schedule: (effective July 1, 2014)

An initial Psychiatric Evaluation is \$350. Follow-up visits can vary from \$120 to \$275 depending upon the complexity and length of the visit. Typically, a 45-50 minute therapy visit will be billed at \$225.

Payment Requirements:

For those not utilizing insurance, payment is due at the time of your appointment. If we are billing insurance and you are certain you have remaining benefits, only your co-payment is due at the time of your appointment. Once insurance claims have been processed, a monthly bill will be sent out that will inform you of any balance due. It can take up to 60 days for insurance claims to be processed. If your account remains delinquent for 120 days or more, I reserve the right to discontinue services until full payment is received and/or refer the account to a collections agency.

Insurance reimbursement is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. I cannot accept responsibility for collecting on a disputed insurance claim. **You** are ultimately responsible for full payment on your account.

ABH Account Services is my billing company and they can be contacted to answer your billing questions and concerns at (206) 726-1790. ABH Account Services keeps regular business hours Monday through Friday; you may leave a message for them on their voicemail at any time.

Missed Appointments:

Less than 24 hours notice of a cancellation or not showing for a scheduled appointment will result in being charged my full rate for the time reserved. Insurance companies do not reimburse for missed appointments.

Telephone Calls:

Telephone calls in excess of five to ten minutes will be charged on a pro-rated basis. Insurance companies do not reimburse for telephone calls.