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OFFICE POLICIES INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the psychology office of Christy M. Stammen, Ph.D. This office offers a variety of individual, marital/relationship, and family psychotherapies for adults as well as teens and children. Evaluations and consulting services are also available. In answer to frequently asked questions and to insure your understanding of our office policies, *we ask that you read the following information and sign your name to indicate your understanding.* Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask your doctor.

1. Therapy sessions begin by appointment and are 50-60 minutes in length. The time and length of evaluation sessions are arranged on an individual basis.
2. The fee for the initial therapy session is \$160.00. Subsequent therapy sessions are \$130.00. Evaluation fees are determined on an individual basis. Special fee schedules may apply if you are part of a PPO or other managed care group.
3. Full payment for each session is requested at the time service is to be rendered unless prior arrangements have been made. Pre-payments are accepted. Payment may be made by *cash or check only*. We do not accept credit or debit cards at this time. A \$35.00 fee will be charged for any returned check.
4. Your session time is reserved for you. If you are unable to be there for your appointment, you are asked to notify our office at least 24 hours in advance so that someone else may utilize this time. In the absence of your notification, you will be billed for the missed session. *Insurance is generally not responsible for this bill, so you will be billed for the full fee amount.* Further, if you miss a session and do not call to reschedule, we will assume that you have terminated therapy.
5. If you are filing your own insurance and would like a receipt for payment in addition to your cancelled check, please request this at the time of your payment.
6. No outstanding fees of over \$290.00 for which arrangements for payment have not been made will be allowed. You are responsible for payment. If your financial status prohibits further treatment with us, we will be happy to refer you to alternative agencies.
7. All delinquent accounts for which full payment has not been received (nor alternative arrangements for payment made) may be turned over to a collection agency. Persons who fall into this category will be responsible to pay all costs incurred in the collection process.
8. The benefits obtained from psychological services are dependent on many factors, and no guarantees regarding the effectiveness or outcome of these services are offered. The therapeutic process involves both the commitments of you as the patient and your doctor.
9. Psychological services are confidential in most circumstances. Please be aware, however, that you or your family's records are NOT confidential in the following circumstances: child custody disputes, civil law suits where psychological functioning is part of the claim, criminal lawsuits where records are subpoenaed, situations where child or elderly safety is of concern, or an impending act is planned by you or a family member that could cause harm to persons known or unknown. If insurance is paying some or all of your bill, be aware that your diagnosis, dates of service, and other information will be provided to the insurance company to secure payment if you authorize us to do so. Please ask your doctor any questions you might have about this information.
10. All patients give consent for the psychologists and staff in this office to consult with each other as needed to provide the best possible services. In an emergency, the psychologists and staff in this office have permission to contact you as needed.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above Office Policies Information Sheet. I have received a copy of the Texas Notice Form.

Signature

Date

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CLIENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Nickname _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Employer _____

Home Address _____ Office Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Number you prefer to be reached at? _____

Can we leave you a message at this number? _____

Can we contact you by e-mail? _____ If yes, e-mail address: _____

*if you choose to communicate by e-mail, please read and sign addendum page titled "e-mail notice"

Family Physician _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Referred by _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship to Client _____

Phone (____) _____

Who is financially responsible for services? _____

Relationship to Client _____ Employer _____

Address _____ Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

If we are filing insurance for you, please complete and sign the following:

Company Name _____

Claims Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Benefits Phone (____) _____

Subscriber ID# _____

Group # _____

I hereby assign all medical benefits, to include major medical benefits to which I am entitled including private insurance and other health plans to: Christy M. Stammen, Ph.D. This assignment shall remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. A photocopy of this assignment is to be considered as valid as the original. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges, whether or not paid for by said insurance. I hereby authorize assignee to release all information necessary to secure the payment.

Signed _____ Date _____

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INTAKE SHEET

Brief statement of problem or services requested:

Who referred you?

For each person currently living with the client (INCLUDING THE CLIENT), please list the following information:

Name	Birthdate/ Age	Client/Relation to Client	Years of Education	Occupation	Marital Status/Years Married

For the CLIENT ONLY, please list all prescription and nonprescription medications:

Medication	Amount	Condition Being Treated	Prescribing Doctor

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Appointment Reminders

I utilize a computer system where you can receive an appointment reminder to your email address, your cell phone (via a text message or a computer generated voice message), or your home phone (via a computer generated voice message) the day before your scheduled appointments. I need the following information from you in order to establish your account. Please remember to note your CELL PHONE CARRIER if utilizing your cell phone for reminders.

Client Name: _____

Parent Name (if client is a minor): _____

Where would you like to receive appointment reminders?
(CHECK AND COMPLETE ONLY ONE CHOICE)

_____ Via a text message on my cell phone (normal text message rates will apply)
Your cell phone number: _____
Your cell phone carrier (ex: AT&T): _____

_____ Via a voice message on my cell phone (normal cell phone rates apply)
Your cell phone number: _____
Your cell phone carrier (ex: AT&T): _____

_____ Via an email message to the address listed below
Your email address: _____
*if you choose to communicate by e-mail, please read and sign addendum page titled
"email notice"

_____ Via a traditional telephone message to my home phone
Your home phone number: _____

_____ None of the above. I'll remember my appointments on my own.
(missed appointment fees will still apply)

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Addendum: E-Mail Notice

It is important to be aware that e-mail communication can be relatively easily accessed by unauthorized people, and therefore can compromise the privacy and confidentiality of such communication. E-mails, in particular, are vulnerable to unauthorized access due to the fact that servers have unlimited and direct access to all e-mail messages that go through them. Unencrypted e-mails are even more vulnerable to unauthorized access. Please be aware that all email communication with Dr. Stammen is unencrypted.

Please notify Dr. Stammen immediately if you decide to avoid or limit in any way the use of e-mail. Please do NOT use e-mail for emergencies.

It is important that you understand that Dr. Stammen does not provide professional advice through e-mail. If you choose to send personal information via e-mail that you feel relates to your therapy or that you think is important for Dr. Stammen to know, it will be discussed in your next therapy session, not through e-mail.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood this e-mail notice. I give consent for Dr. Stammen to contact me through e-mail.

Signature

Date