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Womble Counseling Services

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## **PSYCHOTHERAPY POLICIES**

<u>Confidentiality</u>: Therapist have an ethical and legal obligation to keep information discussed in sessions private. The patient controls the release of information obtained during the provision of professional services unless the therapist is required by law to take actions or make disclosures. Tennessee law requires therapist to report under the following circumstances:

- 1. Imminent danger of patient's harm to self or others
- 2. Suspected child or elder or abuse, or abuse of a disabled person (made to the Department of Human Services)
- 3. Court order for clinical records, if patient is involved in legal proceedings

Once the information is released, the use of information in such circumstances is beyond the control of this office. If you are under 18 years of age, you will be asked to sign a separate sheet describing confidentiality policies for minors.

<u>Fees</u>: The fee for a 50-minute private-pay session is \$110.00. Patients are responsible for full payment of fees at the time of each visit unless filing with their insurance. Applicable co-payments and co- insurances are due at the time of service if filing with an insurance carrier that is accepted. Cash, local checks, and debit/credit cards are accepted. In addition, payments may be made by PayPal if you are unable to pay by cash or check.

<u>Cancelations. No-Shows. & Late Arrivals</u> Appointment times are individually reserved for you and you alone, and last-minute cancellations prevent others who may have wanted an appointment from scheduling. Mr. Womble sees a limited number of patients so that he can give you the focus and attention you deserve. Therefore, cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. You will be charged the full fee for any sessions that are not changed or cancelled more than 24 hours in advance. Insurance cannot be billed for missed appointments.

If you are running late for your appointment, please contact Mr. Womble to let him know. If you have not contacted Mr. Womble by 15 minutes into your session, it will be assumed you do not plan to attend that session. Regardless of the start time, your session will still end at the scheduled time, unless a late start is the fault of Mr. Womble.

Weather: In the case of inclement weather conditions that preclude safe driving, you will not be charged for a session cancelled within 24 hours. However, it is recommended that you be in contact with Mr. Womble in advance when inclement weather is expected.

Illness: If you have a contagious illness, please do not come to an appointment with Mr. Womble. You will not be charged for a session canceled within 24 hours due to illness, provided that you do not exceed two late cancellations in a calendar year. If you feel that you (or someone for whom you're responsible) may be coming down with something, please let Mr. Womble know that your upcoming appointment is uncertain so that he can determine how to proceed.

**Emergencies:** In case of an emergency outside of regular business hours or when I cannot be reached, please contact the Crisis Intervention Center at (615)-244-7444 or proceed to the nearest hospital emergency room. Please do not leave emergent information in voicemails or send via text message/email, as the message may not be received until the end of the following business day.

I understand and agree to these policies, and I have received a copy of this policy statement.