



Barnabas Behavioral Healthcare, LLC

Specializing in the Strategic Integration of Behavioral and Medical Care

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New Patient Therapeutic Relationship in a Non-Acute Care Facility Disclaimer

Non-Acute Care Practice

Barnabas Behavioral Healthcare is a non-acute care outpatient clinic. We do not have 24-hour coverage like an inpatient center or hospital has. Our patients do not stay overnight, and your provider might not be always available. We do not routinely check messages after hours which means that messages or communications with our practice may not be seen in "real time". Our office hours are 8-5 Monday through Friday, and we may be closed for some holidays. If you send us a note or leave a voicemail after hours, these will not be seen until they are retrieved during normal business hours.

This is very important that you understand the difference between our practice setting and other levels of care. As an outpatient group, our patients may from time to time require additional levels of care which we are not equipped to provide. For example, if a patient has a severe reaction to a medication, they will need to go to the ER not to our office. If a patient requires direct care or observation from an inpatient group, your provider will work with you to make an appropriate referral however if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency you would need to take immediate action to ensure your safety. In other words, our office may not be able to respond to you directly and we ask for 72 hours to return your calls.

New Patient Therapeutic Relationship

The paperwork you are filling out will include many questions about your history and why you are requesting treatment. We will review your information and schedule you appropriately, but we are not responsible for your care until you meet with one of our providers for an intake session. This means that we will not fill any medications or complete any paperwork for you until we have had the chance to do our assessment in a diagnostic interview.

In other words, you are not considered a patient with us until you have met with one of our licensed providers.

What does this mean for an Emergency?

If you are in crisis and in danger of harming yourself or someone else, go directly to the Emergency Room, call 911 or the appropriate crisis center.

I understand and consent to treatment with Barnabas Behavioral Healthcare and have been informed of limitations of an outpatient setting. I also understand that my therapeutic relationship and care does not start until an initial assessment has been performed by a licensed provider at Barnabas Healthcare.

Acknowledgement Therapeutic Relationship in a Non-Acute Care Facility Disclaimer

I have read, understood, agree and received a copy of Barnabas Behavioral Healthcare LLC **Therapeutic Relationship in a Non-Acute Care Facility Disclaimer** and a copy of this form will be retained in my medical chart.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name: _____

Parent/Guardian
Name: _____

Patients under the age of 18 require parent or legal guardian signature