

Fee Policies

I charge for services rendered based on an hourly rate that varies depending on the service I am providing.

For psychotherapy and medication management patients, I charge based on 15 minute segments. The charge for each segment is based on a quarter of my hourly (60 minute) rate. I charge for psychotherapy whether it is conducted in my office or by telephone. There is usually no charge for phone calls pertaining to medication management.

I ask that payment be provided at the end of each session unless a different arrangement has been discussed and agreed upon. I charge for missed appointments unless I receive a full 24 hours notice of cancellation. I do not charge even without 24 hours notice if you or a member of the family is too ill to come to the session, the weather makes traveling dangerous, or there is a family emergency.

I am not on an insurance provider's list and do not complete insurance forms. Your carrier might pay for a portion of certain therapeutic services that I provide, however. To help you obtain reimbursement, I provide a billing statement each month that contains the diagnostic and procedural codes that your insurance company will need to process a claim. My billing cycle is from the 15th of one month through the 15th of the next. You will in all likelihood receive a statement by the 20th of each month.

I normally hand you the statement at the time of a session, or mail it if you won't be in for a while. In the alternative, I will email a copy to you in lieu of mailing one if you'd like me to. (Please review the "Email Privacy Statement" before asking.)

With regard to court-related evaluations, I charge an hourly rate that takes into consideration the level of expertise and special skills needed to perform them and testify (when applicable).

I charge for all time spent during the course of an evaluation including (but not limited to) time spent interviewing adults and children, speaking with other people, reviewing pertinent records, traveling, preparing a written report, and speaking with attorneys.

I also charge for time spent reading, responding to, and copying emails based on the number of minutes used. A total of the time spent on email communication will appear as a one-time charge on your statement each month.

There are times when I must travel out of the Denver metropolitan area to perform an evaluation. In that case, I charge a per diem rate based on ten hours time plus expenses including, but not limited to airfare, hotel costs, taxis, and airport parking.

When I perform a court-related evaluation, it is my practice to ask for a retainer. The amount varies depending on the type of evaluation I've been asked to perform. I ask that

the person or people responsible for payment provide a check either before or at the time of the first meeting.

I ask that the person or people responsible for payment rejuvenate the retainer when it has been nearly depleted. I provide a monthly statement that includes the retainer amount due, if there is one. Payment of the retainer is due upon receipt of the statement. The outstanding balance of all accounts must be paid prior to the release of a report to the attorneys or the Court.

With regard to court testimony, I again charge an hourly rate commensurate with the level of expertise and skills needed to perform this work properly. I ask that a retainer be provided ten calendar days in advance of the hearing.

The retainer is calculated by multiplying the number of hours you wish to reserve from my schedule by my hourly rate. I charge for time spent preparing for court, consulting with attorneys, traveling to the courthouse, waiting to testify, and providing testimony.

I ask for a retainer to cover a minimum of two hours preparation time and four hours court time. The reason for the four hours court time is that I must block out at least a half day from my schedule to accommodate a request for testimony given the uncertainty associated with the schedules of most courts.

It may be that the amount of time required will exceed the six hours covered by the retainer. Each hour beyond the original estimate will be billed at the same hourly rate. The remaining balance is due upon receipt of the billing statement.

Occasionally, I am asked to testify outside the Denver metro area. When this occurs, I charge a per diem rate of ten hours time plus expenses including, but not limited to airfare, hotel costs, taxis, and airport parking.

In the event that a deposition or court hearing is postponed or vacated with less than 48 hours notice, you will be charged for the time reserved (or a portion thereof) if I am unable to use that time to work on another case. In any event, I charge for time spent preparing to testify even if the deposition or court hearing does not occur as planned.

Should you wish to receive a fee policy specific to a particular service, including the amount of the fee, please let me know.