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**INFORMATION ON FEES AND SERVICES FOR GENERAL  
PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS**

Dear Patient:

The initial interview fee (90791) is \$150. Subsequent appointments of less than 50 minutes (90834) are \$100 per session. A session lasting longer than 50 minutes (90837) is \$125 per session.

A psychological evaluation (CPT codes 96136, 96137, 96130, 96131), is \$125 per hour, with the average time of an assessment being about 8 to 9 hours. While your presence at the office will be much shorter, the work put into a psychological evaluation is very extensive. The testing process includes a brief review of medical and school records, relevant consultations with other treatment professionals, test administration, test scoring, interpretation of test data, report writing, and proofreading. The fee for an extensive review of medical records is at the rate of \$125 per hour. EAP sessions do not cover psychological testing fees.

Testing is typically divided between two sessions, although complex diagnostic questions may require additional visits. Our staff is committed to getting to the root of your problems, and doing so may sometimes require tests that go beyond the typical psychological evaluation. You will have the opportunity to discuss additional sessions and fees (if any) with your provider. If the patient is a child, they must attend all testing sessions unless cleared by your provider.

If additional testing is recommended or requested, you will be responsible for the extra fees as most insurance companies set limits on the number of units they will pay. If your insurance company denies the testing as not being medically necessary, you will also be responsible should you chose to proceed with the assessment. Health care policies rarely cover evaluations such as educational testing, career exploration, highly specialized autism testing (ADOS 2), and court assessments. If exceptional circumstances require additional assessment, charges will be discussed before beginning the testing.

Please be advised that if you subpoena an FCCS staff member to court to testify about your psychological evaluation (described above), you will be responsible for payment of expert witness fees (\$250 per hour) in advance. Court appearances are typically billed in half-day increments (4 hours) and include travel

time to and from the court. Please request a copy of your Forensic Contract if you think this situation may apply to you in the future.

Court related testing does not fall under this contract. Please ask for a copy of the Forensic Contract if your evaluation is court-related. Due to the complexity of court-related evaluations, fees fall under the court fee schedule.

You will receive verbal feedback about your test results at the last visit. A progress note will be provided upon request to allow for immediate feedback to other treating providers. Upon request, a written summary of results will be provided and sometimes take up to 4 to 6 weeks to generate depending upon the complexity of the case. Please note that reports are not released until the account is clear (i.e., copays and insurance payments).

Co-payments are due at the time of service unless other arrangements are in place (e.g., payment due within 30 days of receiving a statement). Please note that insurance companies sometimes view psychological testing as related diagnostic services (similar to having an x-ray). Therefore an evaluation may be subject to co-insurance (percentage) or a deductible which differs from a set copay at a counselor's office). Our office uses a real-time program to provide you with an estimate of what you might owe, although this is not a guaranteed amount. If necessary, charges will incur for returned checks, collection, and legal fees.

Broken appointments are a loss to everyone, as there is often a waiting list for appointment times. A 24-hour notice is necessary for cancelled appointments. Cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance, or broken appointments incur the following rates: \$50 for a psychological evaluation appointment and \$35 for psychotherapy/follow-up appointment. Insurance companies do not pay this fee. Payment for these appointments will also be due within 30 days of the date.

I have read and understood the information on fees and services above.

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Printed Name

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Signature  
(if minor - parent or guardian)

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Date

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Name of minor if applicable)