

Daniel A. Schwarz, Ph.D. and Associates

Support for Resolving Life's Challenges

To Whom it may concern:

Welcome to our practice. As a courtesy we will bill your insurance for services rendered at Daniel Schwarz & Associates however, You are responsible for the cost of the care and services you receive. We will ask you to pay any co-pays, deductibles, money owed for non-covered services, and any other cost shares at the time of service.

As courtesy we will and/or have billed your insurance to help you satisfy your patient responsibility.

Not every service is covered by every insurance plan. Some or all of the care or services you receive might not be covered, or might not be considered medically necessary by your insurance plan. If that is the case, you will be responsible for the full cost.

We have a 24 hour cancellation policy and charge \$50.00 for not attending a scheduled session or providing the required 24 hour notice.

Please sign below as acknowledgment of receipt for this Patient Financial Responsibility policy.

Consent for Treatment and Limits of Liability

Limits of Services and Assumption of Risks:

Therapy sessions carry both benefits and risks. Therapy sessions can significantly reduce the amount of distress someone is feeling, improve relationships, and/or resolve other specific issues. However, these improvements and any "cures" cannot be guaranteed for any condition due to the many variables that affect these therapy sessions. Experiencing uncomfortable feelings, discussing unpleasant situations and/or aspects of your life are considered risks of therapy sessions.

Limits of Confidentiality:

What you discuss during your therapy session is kept confidential. No contents of the therapy sessions, whether verbal or written may be shared with another party without your written consent or the written consent of your legal guardian. The following is a list of exceptions:

Duty to Warn and Protect

If you disclose a plan or threat to harm yourself, the therapist must attempt to notify your family and notify legal authorities. In addition, if you disclose a plan to threaten or harm another person, the therapist is required to warn the possible victim and notify legal authorities.

Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults

If you disclose, or it is suspected, that there is abuse or harmful neglect of children or vulnerable adults (i.e. the elderly, disabled/incompetent), the therapist must report this information to the appropriate state agency and/or legal authorities.

Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances

Therapists must report any admitted prenatal exposure to controlled substances that could be harmful to the mother or the child.

Minors/Guardianship

Parents or legal guardians of non-emancipated minor clients have the right to access the clients' records.

Insurance Providers

Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given information that they request regarding services to the clients.

The type of information that may be requested includes: types of service, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, summaries, etc.