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Billing and Insurance Information: The billable rate for the Initial 50-minute Intake Session is \$200. Subsequent 50-minute sessions are \$185. For self-paying clients, Initial Intake Sessions are \$200, and subsequent sessions will be charged on a discount fee schedule of \$150-185, depending on your gross income and the number of dependents for whom you are responsible (see the Discount Fee Schedule from the Forms tab at https://mjlpc.com). Payments are to be made with credit/debit card, cash, check or money order at the beginning of each session. You will be charged for a missed appointment if you have failed to notify me within 24 hours of our scheduled time (illness and emergencies excepted). Fees may increase periodically, and thus the fees are subject to change with two weeks prior notification. The fee for group therapy sessions will vary depending on the length and nature of the group.

I do not file insurance claims for you. If your insurance provider will be covering the cost of your counseling then you need to make arrangements with them to reimburse you directly. You are responsible for obtaining and filling out any appropriate paperwork and submitting it to the insurance company. I will be glad to fill out any part of the form that is necessary.

Choosing a Counselor: You have the right to choose a counselor who best suits your needs and purposes. You may seek a second opinion from another mental health practitioner or may terminate therapy at any time.

Confidentiality: There is a legal privilege in this state protecting the confidentiality of the information that you share with me. As a professional, I can assure you that I strive to maintain the strictest ethical standards of confidentiality.

There are legal exceptions to confidentiality. The following situations are those in which the information you have shared with me may be shared with others.

- The client gives written permission to share confidential information.
- Anything that suggests a crime or harmful act.
- If the client is a minor, and there is indication that she/he was the victim or subject of a crime.
- The client brings charges against the counselor.
- In response to a subpoena.
- As required under chapter ORS 675.765.

When it is possible, we will discuss any exceptions to confidentiality as they arise.

Consultations: I consult regularly with other therapeutic professionals which allows me to gain other perspectives and ideas as to how to best help you reach your goals. These consultations are obtained in such a way that confidentiality is maintained.

Continuing Education: As a Licensee of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, I abide by its Code of Ethics. To maintain my license I am required to participate in continuing education (40 hours every two years), taking classes dealing with subjects relevant to this profession.

Scheduling Appointments: Appointments are generally made on a regular, weekly basis. Appointment times are not automatically held open for you from week to week. It is your responsibility to reschedule at the end of a session.

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The same information for Washington residents can be found at:

Washington State Dept. of Health, 360-236-4700 or 800-525-0127 or at this website:

https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthCounselor

Client Bill of Rights: As a client of an Oregon licensee, you have the following rights:

- To expect that a licensee has met the minimum qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
- To examine public records maintained by the Board and to have the Board confirm credentials of a licensee;
- To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics (OAR Chapter 833, Division 100);
- To report complaints to the Board;

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- To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
- To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule and law, including the following exceptions: 1) Reporting suspected child abuse; 2) Reporting immanent danger to client or others; 3) Reporting information required in court proceedings or by client's insurance company, or other relevant agencies; 4) Providing information regarding licensee case consultation or supervision; and 5) Defending claims brought by client against licensee
- To be free from being the object of discrimination on the basis of age, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, national origin, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic status.

Contacting Me by Phone: You may leave/text me a message at 971.242.9322. I will check these messages on a regular basis. For ethical reasons, please limit your phone/text and/or email communication to appointment scheduling and emergencies. All therapeutic matters must be addressed in session.

Emergencies: If you are in an emergency and cannot reach me, please call one of the following numbers for