



Alturas Counseling, LLC

Insurance Billing Agreement

At this time, Christina Smith, LCSW is a credentialed provider for several insurance companies. Please contact Christina Smith, LCSW to see if she is a provider with your insurance and then check with your insurance company to determine coverage for mental health benefits. Your insurance may require you to cover a co-pay (***to be paid at time of counseling session***) and/or be limited to a certain amount of sessions. Please know that Christina Smith, LCSW uses a third-party billing company (Gem State Medical Billing, LLC) to process billing claims. You may receive correspondence from them.

Any session fees declined coverage by an insurance company are the full financial responsibility of the client. In the case of a returned check for insufficient funds, a \$30 fee will be assessed to cover bank processing fees. Your counselor may choose to utilize a third party collection agency if you default on the terms of the payment option and fail to pay the full balance due.

Be advised that by signing for me to bill your insurance company you understand that auditors from that company have the right to come in and inspect and read your file. All of your diagnostic information is submitted to them after each session. Confidentiality is not preserved when insurance companies are billed. If you do not wish for me to bill your insurance company you will be responsible for the full cost of services at each session. In addition, by signing this document you agree to take full financial responsibility for any session fees where coverage was declined by your insurance company.

_____ Client accepts the above statement and wishes to bill insurance

_____ Client declines to have insurance billed and agrees to pay the full amount for each session.

Client/Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Client (For Couple's Session)

Date