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Court Related Policies

We do not anticipate having to appear in court regarding your care. We view our primary responsibility as providing for your counseling and mental health needs. However, as counselors, we realize that it may become necessary in the course of our professional relationships with clients to appear in court at times. Due to the frequency of requests for members of our staff to appear in court as "expert witnesses", we have developed formal court related policies for each new client to review and sign. The purpose of this document is to make our policies clear in advance of any request or subpoena for our therapists to appear in court.

Any legal expenses incurred by LifeWorks, Inc. related to you/your child's treatment will be your financial responsibility. This may include, but is not limited to, clinician time associated with consultations with a licensing board and/or clinician and attorney time regarding consultation of any nature related to your treatment.

I understand that if my/my child's therapist is asked to testify regarding my/my child's therapy, and it is **NOT** my wish that the information be released, it is the policy of LifeWorks, Inc. to assert the client's legal privilege to confidentiality on your/your child's behalf. We must appear in court to do so.

I understand that if my/my child's therapist is subpoenaed to testify regarding my treatment, the payment for my therapist's time outside the office and for the professional time associated with preparation and testimony is **my responsibility**, regardless of the origin of the subpoena (i.e. if we are subpoenaed regarding your treatment at LifeWorks, Inc. by any other person/party). You are financially responsible for all professional fees.

A standard \$300.00 "retainer" is due one week prior to the scheduled appearance. Fees in excess of the retainer must be paid within 7 days. Any unused retainer will be refunded within 7 days or applied to your account. I understand that the fees for any legal involvement are as follows.

Administrative Fee (per scheduled court date): (assessed upon receipt of any subpoena)	\$150.00
Client Record Fee if the subpoena requires records	\$50.00
Preparation/Travel Time per hour:	\$150.00
Time out of the office per hour (i.e. waiting time at court)	\$150.00
Court appearance, deposition, affidavit preparation, interrogatory preparation and/or testimony per hour: (minimum of one hour fee charged per appearance)	\$200.00

I have read and understand the above policies.

Client Name (if different from Responsible Party)

Client/Responsible Party

Date