



PARTNERS
IN PARENTING

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Payment Policy

We are happy that you have chosen Partners in Parenting, PC (PIP). The following Payment Policy is written to clarify in advance our policies regarding payment for services and provide us with an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Payment is required at the time services are rendered, unless other arrangements have been made in advance. This includes applicable coinsurance, co-payments, and outstanding account balances. Partners in Parenting (PIP) accepts cash, personal checks, and credit cards (processing fees may apply). Please bring your insurance card to your first appointment. There is a \$35 service charge for returned checks and no additional appointments will be scheduled until your balance is paid in full.

Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. PIP is not a party to that contract. We are happy to bill participating insurance companies as a courtesy to you. Nevertheless, you are responsible for payment regardless of your insurance company's decision to deny coverage or reimburse less than the allowable charge. It is your responsibility to contact your insurance company prior to the first appointment to verify coverage.

Your insurance company contract determines the amount of your co-pay and other patient responsibilities. Co-payment/co-insurance amounts are not always clearly indicated on your insurance card. It is your responsibility to know whether you have a co-pay/co-insurance and to pay it at the time of service. If our staff does not "ask" you for your co-pay/co-insurance amount or if your co-pay/co-insurance is not clearly indicated on your insurance card, this is not considered a waiver of your contractual requirement with your insurance company to pay this fee nor is it to be construed as our waiver of acceptance of your co-payment at the time of service. If you are unsure, please check with your employer or call your insurance. Additionally, you are responsible for notifying your therapist of any changes in your insurance coverage.

If you do not have health care benefits or have insurance by which your PIP clinician is not an in-network provider, you are required, and you agree to pay at the time of service all charges as well as any outstanding balances and delinquent accounts.

If we have not received the payment from your insurance company within 60 days of the date of service, you will be expected to pay the balance in full. You are responsible for all charges. Questions regarding nonpayment by your insurance company should be directed to your insurance company.

You will be billed monthly for all unpaid balances deemed by PIP or your insurance company to be your responsibility. You are responsible for paying the bill in full unless special arrangements have been made in advance. Delinquent accounts may be turned over to a collection agency at which time you agree to be responsible for collection charges and all associated legal fees in addition to the amount owed.

Regarding Psychological Evaluations, the fee for the evaluation includes the elements listed in the Evaluation Consent Form under testing. When billing insurance companies, insurance is typically billed for an initial diagnostic interview, testing hours, and the final session when the test results are reviewed. Insurance preauthorization is required before any testing is completed. Insurance pre-authorization determines the scope of testing PIP psychologists are allowed to conduct.

Note: Educational testing, as well as some projective testing measures, often cannot be billed to insurance and requires private/self-pay payment arrangements. ADHD measures are also often not covered.

Financial Arrangements

Our fees are listed below and vary according to the type and length of service provided. PIP will file claims only with those insurance companies for which we are participants. Fees for therapy and testing not covered by insurance will need to be paid in full at the time of service. Our specialized services and evaluations will require agency or community funding. If you need a claim form to file with your insurance company, please let us know. Partners in Parenting accepts VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, personal checks, and cash at the time of service.

Standard fees:

Initial Clinical Appointment	\$200
Couples' Initial Clinical Appointment	\$210
45 Minute Therapy Session	\$135
60 Minute Therapy Session	\$180
Family Therapy Session	\$195
Couples' Therapy Session (90 mins)	\$210
Psychological Testing	\$150/hour
Court/Legal Testimony	\$300/hour
Extended Case Management	\$80/hour

Consultation fees:

Initial Consultation Appointment	\$250
60 Minute Consultation Session	\$180

Note: A \$75.00 will be charged for a missed 45-60 minute session and per hour for missed psychological testing sessions. PIP may periodically raise rates. PIP will give existing clients 45 days' notice about any rate changes.

Appointment Changes and No Show

I agree that I will contact my PIP therapist at least 24 hours in advance if I need to change an appointment time. Note: the automated appointment reminder messaging system cannot be replied to thus a separate call, text, or email is necessary to cancel or change an appointment. I recognize that my insurance will not pay for missed appointments and I will be charged at the rate listed above under Financial Arrangements if I do not show or make appropriate changes for an appointment.

While exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances after review and approval by my therapist, I give permission for my credit card to be used to pay for unexcused missed appointments. Furthermore, I understand that this will occur at the end of the business day of the missed appointment.

