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LITIGATION RELATED SERVICES

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Effective April 20, 2021 the rates charged by The Talking Place, Child and Adolescent Counseling, LLC, for providing litigation related services will be as outlined herein. The fees charged for litigation related services are independent obligations from any fees a court might order or allow as reimbursable fees for the therapist's services. For all litigation related services, not including "court appearances," the hourly rate shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) per hour, not including costs incurred. Fees incurred will be billed in fifteen (15) minute increments. For all litigation related services pertaining to "court appearances" including testimony, whether in a deposition, hearing, or trial of any sort, preparation of testimony at the request of any party, stand-by time, and travel time related to such court appearance the hourly rate shall be four hundred dollars (\$400) per hour, not including costs incurred. For court appearances a minimum fee will be imposed regardless of the actual time incurred. The minimum fee is based on a half-day of four hours. After four hours is incurred, the hourly rate shall apply for any part of an hour of court appearance service provided. Costs incurred will be billed separately, and a fee schedule may be provided upon request.

Please be aware that most insurance providers do not reimburse or cover litigation related services. The party requesting litigation related services is obligated to pay for those services in advance.

IMPORTANT: The Talking Place, Child and Adolescent Counseling, LLC, will not provide therapeutic services to a patient, and if currently providing such services, may discontinue permanently providing such therapeutic services, if at any time, any party to any litigation, requests that litigation related services be provided. Services may also be discontinued if at any time during the course of treatment any written or oral correspondence from this office is shared with an attorney or anyone in any legal manner resulting in involvement into a litigation process. Litigation related services tend to interfere with the therapeutic relationship that our office strives to foster in counseling adolescents and their families. Our patient's emotional health is paramount. They need to know the sessions are confidential and this outweighs the need for records or the therapist to be available for any past, current, or future litigation concerning the patient. **If the therapeutic relationship is terminated because litigation services are requested, we will provide you with a list of local counselors and assist you with transitioning. We will send a notification of the termination to the contact on file and allow a very limited time period (30 days) of availability for emergency counseling.**

Acknowledgment of Policy

I, _____
(Printed Name)

have read and understand and agree to all terms set forth in this notice.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Patient Full Name _____

Relation to Patient: _____