
INFORMED CONSENT FOR EVALUATION SERVICES

Welcome to our practice. This document contains important information about our professional services, business policies, and privacy rights. Please read it carefully. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have. When you sign the last page of this document, it will represent an agreement between us.

Professional Services

Dr. Maria Zimmitti is a licensed psychologist with advanced training in psychoeducational testing and psychotherapy. Dr. Nicole Sampson, Dr. Julie Kovac, Dr. Katie Hennessy, Dr. Nancy Heiser, Dr. Joe Gorin, Dr. Keisha Mack and Dr. William Ling are associates in my practice and are also licensed psychologists. Dr. Lisa Sanchez, Dr. Terra Schmookler and Dr. Amy Pacos are experienced evaluators/therapists who practice under Dr. Zimmitti's supervision and are working toward licensure in Washington, DC. We offer all types of assessment services as well as psychotherapy, consultation, supervision, and educational presentations and workshops. Please consult our website (www.drzimmitti.com) for brief biographies, information about our services, and helpful resources.

Business Policies

Payment is due at the time the service is provided. For an initial intake meeting, the fee is \$200; this fee will be deducted from the total testing fee. Payment is due at the time of service, and all evaluation fees are paid in full on the first day of testing. Please see our "Schedule of Fees" for detailed information. We accept checks, Mastercard, Visa and American Express.

We are not participating providers in any health plans and do not submit insurance claim forms. However, once we have received full payment for the evaluation, we are happy to provide an itemized receipt for you to submit to insurance. For testing and consultation services, you should check with your insurance or health plan administrator

before the first meeting to determine what, if any, services are covered when provided through an “out-of-network” professional. If you are a parent seeking testing for your child, be aware that you have the right to request testing at no charge through your child’s local public school, although the school team may or may not make this recommendation.

Reports will not be released until services have been paid for in full. If your account has not been paid for more than 90 days and arrangements for payment have not been agreed upon, legal measures (an attorney or collection agency) will be taken. In most collections situations, the only information released is a client’s name and contact information, the nature of the service provided, and the amount due. All accounts past due will be subject to late fees, 1.5% interest, and all costs of collections.

Confidentiality and Privacy Policies

In general, law protects the privacy of all communications between a client and a psychologist, and we must have your written permission to release information about the evaluation. There are a few exceptions. If we have reason to suspect that a child is being abused, we are legally obligated to file a report with the appropriate state agency. We are also required to take protective action if we believe a client is threatening serious bodily harm to self or others. In some cases, a judge can order us to release confidential information.

Please be assured that, with these few exceptions, all services provided are confidential. We will discuss evaluation findings and/or talk with other professionals or individuals only if you have completed an appropriate “Release of Information” form. You have the right to rescind your consent at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information contained in this form, please call us or discuss them at our next meeting. Your signature below indicates that you have read the information in this document and agree to abide by its terms during our professional relationship. Please bring this form with you to the intake appointment.

Signature (Adult Client or Parent 1)

Date

Signature (Parent 2)*

Date

*Note: If you are currently separated or have a joint custody agreement in place, both parents must sign this form. Testing cannot be conducted without the expressed consent of both parents.

