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# CHILD SERVICES

### **MEDICATION**

Thank you for your interest in receiving behavioral health services from Perez & Associates, LLC (PALLC). For a general understanding of our process, please review this document prior to scheduling your child's first appointment. We are more than happy to answer any questions you may have and look forward to working with your family.

### **YOUR FIRST VISIT**

Your first session will consistent of a comprehensive evaluation to assess your child's daily functioning. After the 50-minute interview, your clinician will offer initial impressions and make treatment recommendations based on your concerns. You will be given the pertinent information you'll need to determine if the recommendations are appropriate for your child. Recommendations may include psychotherapy or medication management to address your child's behavioral health needs.

## **MEDICATION MANAGEMENT**

When psychological symptoms markedly impact your child's ability to perform in school, maintain interpersonal relationships, or properly care for their basic needs, medication may offer much needed relief. Recommendations and treatment options to address your child's current symptoms will be explained in language that you can easily understand. Medical Psychologist Baraka W. Perez is licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to prescribe medication. Medical Psychologists do not prescribe narcotics and only operate within the limits of their license.

To ensure your child is an appropriate candidate for medication consideration, a referral from their pediatrician is required prior to the prescribing of medication. The pediatrician should confirm that your child has had a well-visit within the past year and should state any medical conditions previously identified. Referrals can be emailed (info@perezllc.net) or faxed (504-641-6620).

#### **FREQUENCY OF VISITS**

When medication is initially prescribed or changed, a 15-minute follow-up visit will occur within 2-3 weeks. Once symptoms appear stable, follow-up visits occur every 1-3 months depending on your child's symptoms and progress.

#### **FEES**

Fees are determined based on the service rendered.

Initial Clinical Interview (50 minutes) \$250

Medication Management Follow-up (15 minutes) \$150

#### **PAYMENTS**

PALLC does not accept insurance. If you wish to be reimbursed for sessions, it is highly recommended you consult with your insurance company prior to scheduling treatment. Payment is due at the time of service. All major credit cards are accepted. Although PALLC will not file insurance claims on your behalf, you will be provided with the information needed (date of service, CPT code and diagnosis) for reimbursement from your insurance company.

#### **CANCELLATIONS AND NO-SHOWS**

At least a two (2) business day notice (weekends not included) is required If you must cancel or reschedule an initial or follow-up appointment. If an appointment is cancelled with less than a two (2) business day notice or you fail to show for an appointment, you will be charged the total session fee. Cancellations can be done by telephone (504-641-4438) or email (info@perezllc.net).

#### **SCHEDULING YOUR INTAKE APPOINTMENT**

To schedule your child's initial session, please call (504) 641-4438. We always attempt to be accessible to you. If we are not immediately available by office telephone, please leave a voice message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Calls are generally returned within 48 hours.

Should you have any further questions prior to scheduling your child's first appointment, please let us know. Thank you for your interest in PALLC. We look forward to working with you.

Perez & Associates, LLC