



MySpectrum Counseling & Coaching
707 N Courthouse Rd
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Court Preparation, Appearance, & Legal Fees Policy

There may be a time during your treatment at MySpectrum that your Therapist may be subpoenaed to court for the purpose of litigation, or that you request your Therapist's involvement in your court case. Please be aware that your Therapist can only testify and provide information to the facts of the case and to his/her professional opinion. This does not guarantee that testimony will be solely in your favor. The same is true for records requests for the purpose of litigation. Furthermore, when your Therapist must go to court, all clients that are normally seen that day must be rescheduled, so the fees below take this into account. None of these fees are billable to your insurance and are the sole responsibility of the client or requestor and/or legal guardian for a minor being treated by MySpectrum.

If the Therapist is to receive a subpoena, then the attorney or office staff must contact MySpectrum to set up a time within business hours to serve the subpoena. A minimum of 72 hours will be requested in order to accommodate schedule changes. Any requests with less than 72 hours will be assessed a rush fee of \$100.

There may be times when your Therapist is not subpoenaed to court, but you may wish to ask their presence, or request that they provide written documentation on your behalf to the court. There may also be times when you request that your Therapist speak to someone involved in your, or your child's, case, such as a Guardian Ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Attorney, or another person. Fees for such instances are included below, in addition to any time a Therapist is acting in response to a subpoena.

Fees for the purpose of court related matters are as follows:

- \$100 per hour for written documentation such as a general summary of involvement in Therapy
- \$100 per hour for consultation with another person involved in the case via phone or in person
- \$250 flat fee for a mental health evaluation, plus \$100 per hour for the time necessary to complete writing the report
- \$800 per day if the Therapist is subpoenaed or requested to appear in court. Your Therapist will need to clear his/her schedule for that day to be available to the Court, given the fluctuations of Court scheduling that may occur. If the Therapist is not called to testify, \$800 is still charged.
- \$150 flat fee for filing any documentation with the court
- \$100 rush fee if notice for any documentation or appearance in court is less than 72 hours. This fee is charged in addition to the other fees listed above.

A \$500 retainer will be due 72 hours before any requested court appearance. The remainder will be billed to the client and is due within 30 days of receipt of invoice. There may be times that your provider will be out of town, and therefore unable to accommodate requests for court appearances.

Client Name (print)

Legal Guardian (if applicable)

Client/Legal Guardian Signature

Date