

Betty Deere, MA, LCSW

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POLICY STATEMENT

I provide counseling and psychotherapy for individuals, couples. A licensed and qualified practitioner for 34 years, I am certified in accordance with all professional and ethical standards applicable to my profession and in accordance with Arkansas laws: License 820-C.

HOURS: Office hours are by appointment by calling or texting my phone 501/615-5468, or even better from my Website: bettydeeretherapy.com.

EMERGENCIES: I am not always available for an emergency session, though I would try to meet emergency needs. Emergency rooms are located at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock and North Little Rock, St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock, University of AR Medical Sciences in Little Rock and Rebsamson Medical Center in Jacksonville.

FEES AND EXPENSES: Clients are responsible for the payment of all services. Payment is due at beginning of each visit: acceptable payments are by self pay, Venmo, or BCBS insurance and/or co-pay.

Self-pay clients may pay by cash, checks or Venmo. I no longer take credit cards. If paying self-pay, my fee is \$175 per therapeutic hour for individual regular sessions, and \$185 for initial Intake session. Couples self-pay is \$195 Initial session, and \$\$180 thereafter. Checks can be made out to: Betty Deere, LCSW or to Deere Holistic Psychotherapy.

FEE STRUCTURE: Professional fees are based on a 55-minute therapeutic hour; except initial session is 75 minutes; couples initial session is 90 minutes. It is expedient (but not necessary) for clients to call their insurance beforehand and ask if their deductible has been met. I always request copy of client's insurance card and **my assistant always checks benefits Before a session is scheduled.**

OUTSIDE REQUESTS: Any and all requested correspondence, texts, emails and phone calls regarding your records to courts, attorneys, schools, etc. will be charged at the regular hourly rate for sessions. There is a minimum charge of \$850 per hour for court appearances. This charge is to be paid two weeks before the day of court.

CANCELLATION POLICY: You will be charged a full session fee for missed appointments not cancelled at least eight (8) hours in advance, except in emergencies such as death of family member, illness, or other unavoidable emergencies. **Note:** Insurance companies do not pay this fee; it is strictly the obligation of the client.

I have read and agreed to these Policy Statements.

CLIENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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