



Informed Consent

Welcome to my practice. I appreciate the opportunity to help you.

As you will be investing time, money, and energy into therapy, I believe you should feel comfortable with the professional you choose. When you feel this way and know what to expect, therapy is more likely to be helpful to you.

About Me:

My name is Nimisha Patel and I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Dietitian in Texas. I received Honors in Nutrition and Medical Dietetics from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1988 and a Masters in Social Work in 1997 from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

I use my counseling skills to help individuals and families, struggling with Depression, Anxiety, and/or Eating Disorders. These struggles are complex as well as time and energy consuming. Each individual needs help in a more personalized way to reach a lifestyle where they can manage these conflicts and spend their time and energy on more enjoyable and meaningful activities.

As a Clinical Social Worker and a Registered Dietitian, I have worked in outpatient offices, Eating Disorder partial care and inpatient programs and a residential program for addiction treatment.

About Treatment

- In our treatment plan we will list our goals and the methods we will use. We will evaluate our progress and change our treatment plan as needed.**
- If you would like to stop therapy or take a “time out” to try it on your own, we should discuss this. We can often make such a “time out” be more helpful.**
- I may recommend you seek a consult with another professional if there is a treatment I cannot provide. I will fully discuss my reasons with you and coordinate services with other treating professionals.**
- As an ethical therapist, I cannot continue to treat you if my treatment is not working for you. Likewise, if you are not satisfied with any area of our work, please raise your concerns with me as soon as possible.**

About Our Relationship

State laws and the rules of the NASW require me to keep what you tell me confidential (that is, private). Please review the HIPPA Policy handout.



Financial Policies: About Our Appointments

Individual Adults and Adolescents Session Fees:

\$150.00/Initial Assessment (90minutes) \$105.00/Follow Up (50 minutes)

Telephone or in-office extended sessions may be needed at times in our therapy. If so, there will be a charge of \$25/15minutes.

Your scheduled session time is reserved for you. Please note there will be a charge for sessions cancelled with less than 24 hours notice or no shows, for other than the most serious reasons. Please provide credit card information for us to keep on file:

Credit Card # _____ Type _____ Exp. Date _____ CCV: _____

I understand there will only be a charge, if I do not meet these cancellation policies.

Financial Policies: Responsible Party

Part 1. Complete this part if you are the parent/legal guardian of a minor under 18.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ DOB: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Part 2. For all individuals seeking services.

Please circle the form of payment or insurance you wish to use for services.

Self Pay: Cash / Check / Credit card

Credit Card # _____ Type: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____

Insurance: Aetna CIGNA Other: _____

Part 3. For individuals using insurance only.

Subscriber Name: _____ Relationship to Client _____

Phone# _____ Client DOB: _____

Address: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Insurance Phone# _____

CoPay/Coinsurance _____ Member # _____

I, _____ authorize Nimisha Patel, LCSW, RD/LD to keep my signature on file for insurance reimbursement purposes only and I understand that insurance will reimburse her, as an in network provider, for services I have received. _____ (Initial)



Financial Policies:

I understand that an attempt to develop a payment plan will be made if I am unable to meet my financial commitment to my sessions. In the event I still do not meet these commitments, I understand my accounts may be subject to collections.

I understand that preparation of forms and reports for disability, schools and court time, etc will also be billed to me at \$25/15 minutes.

Emergency Contact Information:

I understand Nimisha Patel does not guarantee she will be available at all times and will return voicemail or email messages daily except on weekends and holidays. If I have a behavioral or emotional crisis and cannot reach Nimisha Patel, I understand I should call my family or other social supports listed below as well as emergency services or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Name: _____ Relationship to Client: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____

Statement of Understanding

I voluntarily consent to mental health and/or nutrition therapy with Nimisha Patel, LCSW, RD/LD, the owner of Healthy Lifestyles PLLC.

I have read and understood the information and accept the terms in this Informed Consent.

Signature of client (or person acting for client) _____ Date

I, Nimisha Patel, LCSW, LD, have met with this client (and/or his or her parent or guardian) and have discussed the information in this Informed Consent. I have responded to all questions and believe this person fully understands the issues discussed.

Signature of therapist _____ Date

___ Copy accepted by client ___ Copy kept by therapist