Building Bridges
THERAPY CENTER

PAYMENT POLICY

Thank you for choosing Building Bridges Therapy Center...we welcome you to our clinic. Our goal, first and foremost, is to provide you with the highest quality care. Following is our payment policy, which enables us to best focus our resources on providing services. Please review carefully, and return a signed copy prior to your child's first therapy session.

1. Each client is solely and individually responsible for all fees for services provided. It is up to the client to determine if therapy is a covered benefit under his or her particular plan. Clients' contracts with their insurance company are agreements between the clients and insurance company, and we are not a party to it. We urge clients to check the particulars of their policy prior to beginning treatment.
2. In the event that an outside organization or agency fails to provide the planned payment for your services for any reason, the client is solely and individually responsible for all fees for services provided.
3. Each client must establish a weekly or monthly payment schedule. Bills are sent at the end of each month. Note that certain programs may have an established payment schedule; if this is the case, clients will be informed of the applicable payment schedule.
4. All initial evaluations are to be paid on the date of service.
5. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Payments can be made directly at the front office or left in the locked payment drop box through the window to the front office.
6. Please note that there is an Attendance policy (enclosed). Under this policy, if a client is a no show / late cancellation, the client may be charged 50% of the scheduled therapy fee to compensate the therapist for preparation and wait time. In situations of an emergency or illness, the above fee will not apply. If a client is late for a therapy session, the client is responsible for the fee for the entire scheduled session.
7. Prior to the last scheduled day of services, accounts must be paid in full or an alternate payment plan must be established.
8. In situations of divorce, separation, or other situations of shared custody, the adult who signs this policy shall be responsible in full for payment.
9. I agree, in order for Building Bridges Therapy Center to service my account or to collect any amounts that our due, Building Bridges Therapy Center and debt collection service providers may contact me by telephone at any telephone number or email address associated with my account.
10. In the event that: (a) no payment is made by a client receiving ongoing services for over sixty (60) days, or (b) that an account is not paid in full by the last day of services, Building Bridges Therapy Center reserves the right to assess a 2.0% late penalty per month from the last date of zero balance until the account is paid in full. This charge is to offset the cost and efforts required for collection of extremely delinquent accounts and to encourage timely payment of accounts.
11. The terms of this payment policy apply for all services currently being provided to as well as any future services provided by our clinic.
12. Building Bridges Therapy Center reserves the right to modify or replace this policy at any point in the future. Clients will be notified of any such changes.

We recognize that therapy services, while often essential to your child's development, are costly. If the financial considerations are prohibitive, please speak with Lauren Macuga to see if you are eligible for alternative arrangements. It is our desire to provide services to all who would benefit from them.

I have read this policy and consent to its terms and provisions. I agree to pay for services on a weekly/monthly schedule, or according to any established payment plan that may be applicable. I understand that I am directly responsible for payment for services, and that it is my responsibility to submit any claims to my insurance company for reimbursement.

Child Name _____ **Parent Name** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

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OPTIONAL

MONTHLY RECURRING Credit Card Authorization Form

THIS CREDIT CARD IS A: ❑ VISA ❑ MASTERCARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: Full card number: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

CARD SECURITY CODE (CV2): _____

NAME (as it appears on the credit card): _____

BILLING ADDRESS (must be the exact billing address as it appears on the Credit Card Statement):

_____
Address

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

I authorize Building Bridges Therapy Center (BBTC) to charge my credit card **monthly** for payment of services for the child listed. If BBTC is unable to process my payment I will be responsible for an alternate payment arrangement and any resulting processing fees that may be incurred. This authorization is in effect until I notify them otherwise in writing. I understand that all expenses will be charged on my behalf and these may include additional charges from any previous months.

By signing this authorization, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to all of the above information and warrant all information provided is true and correct.

THIS AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL CANCELED BY THE APPLICANT WITH WRITTEN NOTICE. This agreement may be cancelled by the applicant by providing BBTC a written notice at least 30 days in advance of the cancellation date.

Applicant's Name (print): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Account Number: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Client's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____ City_____ State____ Zip Code_____

Home Phone Number: _____ Parent Work Number:_____

Alternative Phone Number: _____ E-mail:_____

In case of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone Number:_____

Alternative Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Allergies: yes/no

If yes, please list allergies: _____

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Dietary considerations: yes/no

If yes, please list: _____

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Medications: yes/no

If yes, please list medications: _____

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Special Instructions: _____

Health Conditions: yes/no

If yes, please state condition and describe intervention that may be required by our staff during therapy, for example, epee pen or seizure medication: _____

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In an emergency, I authorize Building Bridges Therapy Center to obtain emergency medical treatment, if the parent is not immediately accessible.

_____ _____

Parent Name (print) Parent Signature Date

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, authorize the release of information
parent's name

regarding _____, from Building Bridges Therapy Center
child's name

to the following parties for the purposes of therapeutic and educational planning. Information may include evaluation reports, progress notes, and conversations with the parties listed below. I understand that copies of reports will be automatically sent as indicated below.

Name	Address & Phone #	Send copies of all reports (Y/N)

Signed _____

Dated _____

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

(Effective April 1, 2003)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW TO INDICATE YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS POLICY.

Understanding your treatment record - A record is made each time your child is treated at our clinic. This information is most often referred to as a "treatment file" and serves as a basis for planning and monitoring your child's care at our Clinic. It also serves as a means of communication among any and all staff involved in the care of your child.

Understanding your health and treatment information rights - Your child's treatment record is the physical property of the Clinic, but the content is about your child and, therefore, belongs to you. You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your information and to request amendments to this record. Your rights include being able to review or obtain a paper copy of the information and to be given an account of all disclosures. You may also request that communication of this information be made by alternative means or to alternative locations. Other than activity that has already occurred, you may revoke any further authorizations to use or disclose your treatment information.

Our responsibilities – This clinic is required to maintain the privacy of your treatment information and to provide you with notice of our legal commitment and privacy practices with respect to the information we collect and maintain about your child. This Clinic is required to abide by the terms of this notice and to notify you if we are unable to grant your requested restrictions or reasonable desires to communicate your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. This Clinic reserves the right to change its practices and effect new provisions that enhance the privacy standards of all patient treatment information. In the event that changes are made, this Clinic will notify you at the current address provided on your medical file. Other than for reasons described in this notice, this Clinic agrees not to disclose your treatment information without your authorization.

Your child's treatment information will be used for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations –

- *Treatment* – Information obtained by your therapist in this Clinic will be recorded in your child's treatment file and used to determine the course of treatment. This consists of your therapist recording his/her own expectations and those of others involved in providing care. The sharing of this information may progress to others involved in your child's care, such as physicians.
- *Payment* – Your healthcare information will be used in order to receive payment for services rendered by this Clinic. A bill may be sent to either you or a third party payer with accompanying documentation that identifies your child, a diagnosis, and procedures performed. Information may also be shared with any organizations that may be helping with the payment process.
- *Healthcare Operations* – The medical staff in this Clinic will use your child's health information to assess the care he/she received and the outcome of treatment compared to others like it. This information may be reviewed for quality improvement purposes in our effort to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of the care and services we provide.
- *Understanding our Clinic policy for specific disclosures* – It is our policy to not disclose any of your child's information without your specific authorization to do so. We may be required by law to disclose health information to public health authorities. Also, your health information may be disclosed for law enforcement purposes as required under state law or in response to a valid subpoena.

To receive additional information or report a problem – For further explanation of this notice you may speak with Stephanie or Brad Naberhaus. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AVAILABILIITY: The terms described in this notice are posted in the waiting room. All clients will be given a hard copy and asked to acknowledge receipt.

By law, we must abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices until we choose to change it. We reserve the right to change this notice at any time in compliance with and as allowed by law. If we change this Notice, the new privacy practices will apply to your health information that we already have as well as to such information that we may generate in the future. If we change our Notice of Privacy Practices, we will post the new notice in our office, and have copies available in our office.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY: I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES.

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Parent signature Date