

Emergence LLC, Court Appearances, Letters & Paperwork

Court appearances will be billed at \$200 per hour with a minimum charge of three (3) hours, for a total of six hundred (\$600) dollars. Since the client and therapist relationship is built on trust (with the foundation of that trust being confidentiality), it can be damaging to the therapeutic relationship when the therapist is asked to present notes or other records to court, testify whether factual or in an expert nature, in court or deposition. We request that only in extreme cases the therapist be asked to present to the court either records or testimony. Court appearance may result in the need to terminate therapy and refer you to another therapist. In cases when the therapist is ordered to testify about his/her counseling with you, the therapist will be monetarily compensated as stated below.

In the event that it is necessary for the therapist to testify before any court, arbitrator, or other hearing officer to testify at a deposition, whether the testimony is factual or expert, or to present any or all records pertaining to the counseling relationship to a court official, the client agrees to pay the therapist for his or her services, including travel, preparation, and necessary expenditures at the rate of \$200 per hour, rounded to the nearest half hour. These expenditures include but are not limited to copies, parking and the like. The client agrees to pay the \$600 two weeks prior to the appearance, presentation of records, or testimony requested. All additional expenditures will be billed after the court appearance.

Other letters and paperwork requested by the client will be assessed a charge of \$200 per hour, rounded to the nearest hour, with a minimum of 1 hour. This does include letters to court officials or attorneys and any other documentation requested by the client. This does not include copies of your bill, missed work or school letters, Release of Information Forms, or other documents used in the day-to-day operation. Emergence LLC will alert you of any additional charges assessed at the time of your request. If the client has a current owing balance upon request for these services it must be brought up to date and paid in full.