

At this time, Bottom Line Counseling does not file insurance. However, you may choose to file it on your own. If you need receipts or proof of visits and charges, please see receptionist.

**Your Informed Consent to Care:**

**INTAKE CONSULTATION:** The intake interview is an opportunity for the counselor and counselee to begin the work of identifying and evaluating the situation the patient is presenting. A main goal of this initial interview is to match the identified needs of the counselee with the most helpful resources available. Occasionally, this will mean a referral to another therapist at BLC or an outside agency. If this is the case, BLC will make every effort to reconnect the counselee with the therapeutic resources best suited to meet the needs he or she initially presents.

**LIMITATIONS OF SERVICES:** I understand that BLC's services are limited to psychological and spiritual evaluation, assessment, consultation and intervention. I understand that evaluation and assessment services may also include the use of psychotherapy oriented toward helping one face life's challenges from a Biblical perspective. I understand that BLC is not promising a cure or offering any guarantee of results or improvement of any condition.

**COMMITMENT AND WORK AGREEMENT:** It is expected that the counselee shall make a good-faith effort at personal growth and engage in the counseling process as an important priority at this time in his or her life. Emotional and spiritual gain of the counselee is most important in Pastoral Counseling. Suspension, termination or referral shall be discussed between the counselor and counselee in the wake of a pattern of behavior that reveals disinterest or lack of commitment to the counseling process or for any unresolved conflict or impasse between the counselor and the counselee.

**ASSUMPTION RISKS:** I understand that the potential benefits of undergoing psychological and/or counseling services may include obtaining a professional opinion and an increased understanding of myself. I understand that potential risks may include limited precision of psychological assessment procedures, possible disagreement with the services offered to me and possible emotional distress concerning my situation.

**Arbitration Agreement:**

Bottom Line Counseling Ministry is part of the Northwest Georgia and Lookout Valley Baptist Associations, a non-profit ministry. In accordance with 1 Corinthians 6 and other Biblical passages, we expect anyone receiving counseling from BLC to agree to release BLC, its pastors, agents, employees and lay counselors from any claim to litigation whatsoever arising from the undersigned Counselee's participation in their counseling ministry.. We require anyone receiving counseling from BLC to read and sign this Counselee Agreement and other documents necessary to understand the way in which counseling services are provided here.

We, the undersigned Counselor and Counselee, have read, discussed together and fully understand this Agreement and stated policies. We agree to honor all statements and policies.

Counselee/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_