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## **No Surprises Act: GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE**

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## You have the right to receive a "Good Faith Estimate" explaining how much your medical care will cost.

You may obtain a good faith estimate of my charges upon request prior to scheduling with me.

The No Surprises Act is a federal law that provides you with the right to a good faith estimate of the costs of services at my practice. The Ohio licensing board rules require me to provide you with an estimate of the charges in a written informed consent form that you must agree upon prior to my providing services. This will be available to you prior to your being seen for services and prior to any billing. In most cases, it is impossible to estimate how many sessions you will need. That estimate will not be determined until your concerns are evaluated. It will also vary based on the progress that you make, which depends in part, on your efforts in your therapy process. You will be free to discontinue services at any time or the services may otherwise be terminated in accordance with the informed consent form language.

Although the No Surprises Law says that you may initiate a dispute process if the actual charges are substantially in excess of the Good Faith Estimated charges, (e.g., if you are charged \$400 more than the estimated cost for a session or for the total estimate provided), that is unlikely to happen and would be a violation of licensing board rules, since you will be agreeing up front to actual charges per session prior to being seen. However, dispute information is available upon request. Any changes to my fees will require a change in the informed consent form fees, which you must agree upon prior to having them go into effect. Otherwise, the fees will remain in effect for 12 months.