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It is often helpful to also keep a written copy of the office policies so that you can refer back to them. If you have any questions, please visit [www.MarkMorrisLCSW](http://www.MarkMorrisLCSW) or discuss them with Mark.

### Background

Licensed Clinical Social Worker in LA (#9291)

Diplomate, Academy of Cognitive Therapy

Masters in Social Work, Tulane University

Masters of Fine Arts, University of Southern California

Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Brown University

Worked and trained at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Bridge House, DePaul Hospital, Catholic Charities, St. Charles Parish Schools.

Fourteen years as university professor and eleven years in the entertainment industry in California.

In New Orleans since 1997. Married. One adult stepson.

### Approach

While Mark's focus is usually CBT, LIVING YES, or EMDR, Mark uses an integrated approach to therapy, which draws on many disciplines. Mark has successfully assisted people with relationships, depression, anxiety, addictions, anger, psychological trauma, learning disabilities, and schizophrenia.

Mark believes psychotherapy is effective when the client is involved in collaboration with the therapist, and so he tries to adapt his style to your needs, values, and interests. It is essential that you are engaged in your treatment, and Mark welcomes you to ask questions and offer feedback as we work together.

### Fees

Fees are discussed before or during the initial evaluation. Payment is due and paid at each session. Check with Mark to see if you are eligible to claim out-of-network benefits. Please let Mark know in advance if you would like an invoice, a "superbill", or a receipt.

Please understand that services are provided to you, the client, and not to third parties. Benefit information will be provided to third parties if you authorize it, which may require diagnosis or treatment plan information.

## Fee Schedule

Type of Payment	First Two Sessions – Intake/Assessment/Goals	50-55 Minute Therapy Session – Individual or Couple
Paid by Cash or Check on or before the day of service.	\$155	\$130
Paid by Credit Card on or before the day of service.	\$160	\$135
Full billed rate (net 30), due if account is in arrears 30 days or more <sup>+</sup>	\$350	\$250

<sup>+</sup> If your check is returned or your credit card is declined and you have not paid all costs and fees within thirty days of services rendered, you are responsible for the full rate, and your credit card will be charged the full rate plus the \$5. fee.

Discounts are available for advanced purchase of ten 50-55 minute therapy sessions (not for intake sessions) at \$1250 non-refundable by cash or check; if paying by credit card, add \$45. Groups are billed at \$60 per session. In addition, there may be charges for extended telephone calls, reports, letters, court appearances, or consultations to physicians, agencies, employers, or insurance companies. Court appearances bill at \$2500 minimum per day.

### Cancellation Policy

Appointments are held exclusively for you. If you are unable to keep your appointment for any reason, please notify Mark 1½ business days in advance to cancel. (Note: this is not 24, but 36, weekday hours and passes in the middle of the night. For Monday appointments, this could require notice by Thursday night.) You may email, text, or leave a voicemail to cancel.

Otherwise, you will be responsible for the full charge for the time reserved for you. You are aware that insurance companies will not pay for no shows. If arrangements are not made and confirmed prior to the day of the no show, your credit card on file will be charged \$130 (\$125 plus the \$5 credit card fee) at the time of your missed appointment without advanced notice to you. Because Mark's time is valuable, there will be no first time exceptions and no grace period on the 36 hours notice.

### Confidentiality limits

Mark will keep confidential what you say in session, with the following exceptions:

- Should you state that you have intention to harm yourself, Mark will do whatever is required to protect you. These measures may go so far as to require to you be immediately examined by a psychiatrist or psychologist to evaluate you. This could result in you being sent to a hospital against your will.
- Should you state that you have intention to harm someone else, Mark is under a legal duty to warn them of the threat. (This is called the "Tarasoff" requirement.)
- Should you report that you have injured a minor, a disabled person, or an elder, Mark is required to report you to agencies which will investigate the circumstances in order to protect that individual from future harm. This may include investigations from Child Protective Services or other legal authorities.
- Should you state that you were abused as a minor, disabled person, or elder, as a "mandatory reporter," Mark is required to report that person to state authorities.
- You authorize Mark to inform any third party payers to be informed of missed and cancelled sessions.
- Mark may elect to consult with other providers about your case while not revealing your identity. Other providers are bound by similar ethical and legal requirements regarding confidentiality within their disciplines.

### Personal Conduct

Please show respect for fellow clients by maintaining propriety and good taste in conduct, hygiene, and appearance. Please refrain from smoking inside or in front of the office.

### Emergencies

While Mark will may every effort to return your call as soon as possible, if you are in crisis, please call 9-1-1 or go immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room.

For more information about Mark and his practice, please visit [www.MarkMorrisLCSW.com](http://www.MarkMorrisLCSW.com) and [www.LivingYes.org](http://www.LivingYes.org)

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