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Brief Screener Assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder with Dawn Chandler-Holtz, Ph.D.

Thank you for your inquiry related to participating in an autism screening evaluation for you or your child. Palmentera and Associates has two offices, one in North Royalton (6785 Wallings Rd., Suite 3B) and one in Oberlin (23 Eric Nord Way Suite 12).

An autism evaluation can seem like a large undertaking for many families. If you are wondering if you or your child might be on the autism spectrum and are not ready to undertake a full evaluation, this option can inform if a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is likely and if a full evaluation is warranted.

For children ages 2 to 13, the screening assessment will include a 1-hour parent interview (which can be done via Zoom if desired), parents will complete one or two online assessments which will be reviewed in another 1-hour parent session, and a 1-hour play observation and/or interview with the child in person, depending on age and developmental level. A brief report will highlight signs or symptoms of ASD vs. other possible diagnoses (such as ADHD or anxiety) and make recommendations including whether further testing is needed. The final report will be explained in a 1-hour parent session. The cost for this brief screening report is \$1200. [If further testing is warranted and you decide to complete the full assessment with Dr. Chandler-Holtz, the cost of the screener assessment will be deducted from the charge of the full assessment.] Additionally, if the parents have a lot to share and want to spend more than 1-hour on the initial background interview, an additional charge of \$140 per 50 minute session will be added.

For adolescents 13 and older as well as adults, the screening assessment will include several online measures to be completed before our first session. The results of these assessments will be explained and the individual will be interviewed about some of the behaviors and symptoms they reported. For adolescents aged 13-21, parents will also be interviewed about developmental history and behaviors. This can be completed via Zoom and will take approximately one hour. There will be 1 2-hour in-person session for an interview with the individual as well. The final report will be explained to both the parent and child, or the adult client, in a 1-hour session. The cost for this brief screening report is \$1400. [If further testing is warranted and you decide to complete the full assessment with Dr. Chandler-Holtz, the cost of the screener assessment will be deducted from the charge of the full assessment.]

Our practice operates on a fee-for-service basis and is not on any insurance panels, but once the full amount is paid, you can be provided with a CMS 1500 claim form to submit to your insurance company for out-of-network reimbursement. I encourage people if they are wanting

reimbursement to call ahead and check to see if they need prior authorization to cover psychological testing and/or if a deductible needs to be met first before they will be reimbursed. If you would like to split up payments, you may pay half at the first in-person visit and the remainder at the feedback session when you receive the report. Payment can be made via check, credit/debit card, or HSA. We prefer check, as we need to charge an additional 3.2% to cover what the credit card company charges us.

Please let me know if you have any other questions and I can respond via email or we can plan a time to talk on the phone. My email is dawnchandlerholtz@gmail.com and my cell phone number is 440-462-8824.

Thank you,

Dawn Chandler-Holtz, Ph.D.