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GRESHAM SPEECH THERAPY

## FINANCIAL POLICIES

### IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1) Payment for services is the responsibility of the patient or responsible party.
- 2) Arrangements for payment is required prior to the initial appointment. Cash or personal/cashier checks are accepted (sorry, no credit cards).
- 3) Statements are sent at the end of each month. Payment is due in full in 30 days, unless a payment schedule has been pre-arranged with Gresham Speech Therapy. Accounts not paid IN FULL within 30 days will be billed a monthly late fee of \$10.00, and an additional \$10.00 for each month past due. Accounts past due in excess of 3 months will be sent to Collections, and **therapy will be terminated.**
- 4) ***Gresham Speech Therapy does not bill insurance*** for evaluations or treatments (unless previously arranged) and thus does not contact insurance carriers for prior authorization, we consider that to be the members responsibility\*. An authorization is not a guarantee of payment, you will be asked to pay for services at the time of treatment and we will provide you with the information necessary, including an itemized statement, for you to seek reimbursement from your insurance carrier.

**\*Exceptions are if client has Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon insurance.**

I acknowledge I have read and understand the financial policies set forth above.

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Patient of Guardian/Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### ***Insurance***

*Coverage of speech pathology services varies widely. Some insurance carriers will cover speech therapy for a limited amount of time. Many insurance companies provide coverage for communication disorders associated with illnesses or accidents, but often exclude those disorders that have a developmental etiology. **It is important that you check with your carrier to determine coverage.** If your insurance requires prior authorization or physician referral, it is your responsibility to obtain the necessary documentation and bring it with you to the initial visit.*

*Be sure to bring your insurance card and any other pertinent information to the initial visit.*