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SOPs:

Copy of SOPs: Clinician steps to aid in Billing coordination/payment plans

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Summary:

These are processes to follow when a current client requires a payment plan and/or billing coordination support. Please be sure to use these SOPs in conjunction with consultation with your supervisor, if applicable, and your on-site clinical director.

Resources:

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On-site clinical directors

Supervisor, if applicable

Payment Plans

1. When requesting a payment plan for a client, you must consult with your supervisor, if applicable, and on-site clinical director, to discuss reasons and proposed plan.
2. Once on-site clinical director approves the proposed plan, you needs to:

- a. Email Amber with plan details.
- b. Add a note in the “Billing Settings” tab in TherapyNotes.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL therapynotes.com. The page header includes a "Patients" dropdown menu and a search icon. Below the header, the patient name "Jane Smith" and birth date "1/1/99" are displayed. A navigation bar contains tabs for "Info", "To-Do", "Schedule", "Documents", "Billing", "Billing Settings", "Clinicians", and "Portal". The "Billing Settings" tab is selected and highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the "Billing Comments" section contains a text box with the following text: "Payment plan of \$100 to be charged every two weeks until the balance is paid in full has been approved and reviewed by Emily Buettner, LMFT, on-site CD and Empowered's Billing Dpt EB 3.17.23".

- c. Email client to confirm payment plan details.
 - i. Add email as a miscellaneous note in TherapyNotes.

Billing Coordination

1. You should be aware of any outstanding client billing issues when Amber blind copies you on emails to your client with reminders about updated credit cards or outstanding payments due.
2. You can communicate with Billing to determine if an email from the therapist to the client would be useful. This can serve as a reminder to the client that updated payment information is needed in order to resume with the next scheduled session.
3. You should check the “Documents” tab before the client’s next scheduled session to confirm if the updated Payment Authorization form was submitted. If it was, no further action is required.
4. If it was not submitted, you cannot resume with the next scheduled session without an updated payment method on file.

5. Instead, you will support Empowered's Billing Department in collecting updated payment information by reaching out to your client and offering to update the payment method at their next scheduled session.
 - a. If the client confirms that they will be able to do so, then you can proceed with the session as scheduled.