

## MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

The **Connecticut Psychotherapists' Guild, LLP** and \_\_\_\_\_, who shall be referred to as the **Member**, agree to the following:

1. The Guild agrees to:
  - A. Maintain a **New Haven number and a 1-800 number outside New Haven** which will serve primarily to distribute a directory of Guild psychotherapists to interested parties.
  - B. Publish and distribute a **directory** including all members in good standing who have provided the necessary materials prior to the publication deadline.
  - C. Distribute **brochures** advertising the Guild and the collective services of the members.
  - D. Announce **public presentations** by the members in a regularly published newsletter. (The number of announcements per member may be limited by the Guild.)
  - E. Announce regular **therapy groups** conducted by members in the same newsletter.
  - F. Place Guild marketing information in print and/or broadcast **media**.
  - G. Contact newspapers and encourage the editors to develop feature articles regarding the Guild and the members' services.
2. For the duration of this contract, the Guild may publish the names of members in good standing. The Member may advertise his or her affiliation with the Guild, and may use the Guild logo, understanding that the Guild owns the logo and that this contract is only a temporary lease.
3. In order to maintain the highest standards and thus protect Guild members, the Guild may:
  - A. Refuse to allow the material to appear in the directory.
  - B. Require that the Guild affiliation be removed from the material.
  - C. Refuse to include the material in Guild advertisements.
4. If the Guild's decisions about quality control adversely affect a significant or important aspect of the Member's practice, the Member may terminate the contract with written notice and any advance bimonthly payments will be pro-rated and refunded.
5. The Member agrees to the following payments:
  - A. **Bimonthly payments of \$160 for a total of \$960 a year.** An initial commitment of **two years** is expected. The **first payment will not be due until a member's listing has been published in the Directory.**
  - B. Members who discontinue their membership through lack of payment must reapply.
6. Because the Guild will be advertising a fee reduction, the Member agrees to provide the following **fee reduction**:  
When a client finds a therapist through the Guild, pays at the time of service, and requires no statements for insurance or other paperwork, the Member will provide at least a 20% reduction from his or her full fee for outpatient individual, couples, or family therapy. If the client requires any paperwork other than receipts for payments, the Member may charge for the paperwork or discontinue the fee reduction.
7. The Member retains the right to make all other policies regarding fees except for the fee reduction. This includes the right to offer greater discounts, to provide a sliding scale, to charge full fees for group psychotherapy, and to charge full fees for services other than outpatient psychotherapy.
8. The Member agrees to provide the following prior to reasonable deadlines established by the Guild:
  - A. Proof of **licensure** in the state of Connecticut, according to the Guild's procedure.
  - B. A report of any history of **disciplinary actions** of the licensing board.
  - C. A copy of professional **liability insurance** indicating at least \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 coverage.

D. A professional **description** that meets the quality, editorial review, and format standards for the Guild directory.

9. The Member agrees to notify the Guild immediately of actual or threatened loss, suspension, or revocation of the Member's professional license.

10. The Member agrees to participate in regularly scheduled **peer review** or **supervision**. The Guild will facilitate the establishment of this if some form of review or supervision is not already available to the member. However, the Guild will not perform such review or supervision or provide such review or supervision as a benefit of membership.

11. The Member agrees to participate in **outcome assessments** of patient satisfaction and clinical efficacy. The Guild will provide forms for these assessments.

12. The Guild or the Member may terminate this contract upon written notice for reasons of deceptive advertising, unethical advertising, or conduct of a personal or professional nature that may reflect poorly on the other party.

13. Membership does not create or imply a business partnership or clinical affiliation either between the members or between the Guild and the members. Both the Guild and the members agree that they will not represent or imply that such a partnership or affiliation exists between them. Furthermore, both parties understand that the purpose of this association is **solely to offer marketing services**, and attendance at meetings for other professional issues is not required.

14. In addition, the Member agrees to indemnify the Guild against, to hold the Guild harmless from and reimburse the Guild for any losses, claims, demands, damages, fines, penalties, liabilities (including joint and several), costs and expenses (including fees and expenses of legal counsel, consultant fees, and litigation expenses) which the Guild incurs or sustains, in consequence of any act or omission of the Member as to any third party. The Guild agrees to indemnify the Member against, to hold the Member harmless from and to reimburse the Member for any losses, claims, demands, damages, fines, penalties, liabilities, costs and expenses (including fees and expenses of legal counsel, consultant fees and litigation expenses) which the Member incurs or sustains in consequence of any act or omission of the Guild as to any third party.

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Signature of Member

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Signature of Guild Steering Committee Member

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Print Name of Member

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