

Mental Health Disaster Relief Registry

Statement of Understanding

If you have been asked to review and sign this form then you have likely been referred to this provider through the Mental Health Disaster Relief Registry. The Registry is a database of mental health professionals who have pledged to prioritize, in the wake of disaster, referrals of disaster survivors, loved ones of survivors and victims, and emergency management service providers. The Registry was created to help emergency management agencies and other entities such as the American Red Cross to refer individuals who may benefit from brief counseling beyond the scope or resources of the referring entity.

Provider Qualifications

Each of the Registry's participating providers has signed a statement indicating that they are a licensed mental health professional in this state. The Registry accepts no responsibility for the education, training, credentialing or competence of the providers. It is the responsibility of licensed mental health professionals to provide to prospective clients information regarding their education, training and credentials, in accordance with state and federal regulations regarding Informed Consent.

Confidentiality

In order for the Registry to evaluate and monitor itself and to insure that those referred through the Registry have a thorough understanding of the limitations of this resource, you are being asked to sign this Statement of Understanding. Beyond your voluntary acknowledgment, the Registry will **not** have access to any of your personal health information. Your provider is responsible for informing you regarding the scope and limitations of confidentiality and for protecting your rights, in accordance with state and federal regulations.

Scope of Service

The Registry's participating providers have agreed to accept disaster relief referrals for the purpose of providing brief counseling (up to five sessions) to address stress, grief and emotional maladjustment in the wake of a disaster. The Registry was not created as a referral resource for those with major mental illness. However, should it become apparent that longer term therapy is indicated, it is at the discretion of your provider as to whether they will continue with your treatment or assist you with a referral to other resources.

Cost for Services

If you have insurance that covers mental health services and your provider is eligible to bill for those services, the provider will do so. In such cases, you may be responsible for paying a deductible and/or co-pay. You will also be expected to pay for services if you are uninsured but have the financial capacity to do so. Each of the Registry's participating providers has agreed to try to accept at least one referral for whom any payment would constitute a significant financial hardship. This is between you and your provider.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand this information:

Printed Name of Client

Witness

Client Signature

Date