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**Paying Directly for Services – Private Pay
 Rather than Remaining on our Waiting List for Guardianship**

Our list of contractors (see attached and on our website) shows where they are located and their contact information - some are willing to take cases in other parts of the state. You may call them directly if you are interested in paying directly for the services yourself, rather than remaining on our Waiting List. Below is the range of the sample cost for each service, but these are only average costs, and each may charge fees that differ from those posted. Our office will not be involved with the arrangements for payments, and our contractors are also free to work with any other clients at other rates. This is completely voluntary on the part of these entities, and this is not a part of the services paid for by the DDPC Office of Guardianship. Please feel free to provide information showing you are on our Waiting List for services. You are also free to seek these services from anyone else.

Service	Discounted Fee Range	Other information
Petitioning Attorney	\$600 – 2,000. Also on a sliding fee scale. If contested: \$1,500 to \$2000, or more.	Plus filing fee unless filing fees and process are waived. Also mileage at \$.50/mile, postage, and Gross Receipts tax. \$50/hr charge when extra time is required.
Guardian ad Litem (GAL)	\$300 – 1,000	
Court Visitor	\$100-300.00 plus \$.45 per mile. Also on a sliding fee scale.	
While the person has capacity e.g. Power of Attorney (POA), Advance Directives, Wills, Trusts, and Special Needs Trusts, and Estate Planning)	Example: \$750 for a POA. Advance Health Care Directive with Will for \$750. TOD (Transfer on Death Deed) for \$500. Also on a sliding fee scale.	
Mental Health Treatment Guardians		
Case Management to help the family apply for available services and identify resources.	To be determined with the client.	
Surrogate decision-maker under Medical Power of Attorney and/or End of Life Decisions only.	\$25.00 – 50.00 per month; charge monthly since a person never knows when they would actually need the service (be sick or become terminally ill); i.e. "retaining me" in effect.	Only offer the services that people need, and charge according to ability to pay.
Probate Code Guardian	\$200.00 – 400.00 per month + Mileage. Also on a sliding fee scale.	

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