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When A Client Wants SSI or SSDI

A therapist recently asked me how to handle a request from the Social Security Administration for the medical records of a client she hadn't seen in several months and only for two sessions. The request was accompanied by a signed release, so the client was approving the release of the records, but the therapist did not have them.

Is The Therapist Qualified?

Not having access to the client's medical record could be problematic. But the real issue at this moment is whether the therapist is truly qualified to comment on this client's ability or inability to work having seen her only two times and not recently.

When my supervisees face this situation, I tell them that the client needs to be seen at least six times before an assessment can be made so that professional integrity is maintained. This stand can sound harsh to people who need aid and have no other place to turn. But I'm not refusing to write the letter or complete the form; I'm refusing to write it based on no useful information.

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