

# Complete Guide to the Client Portal

# The Client Portal

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The SimplePractice Client Portal is a secure and easy way for you to communicate with your clinician, request appointments, sign documents, and even pay your session fees.

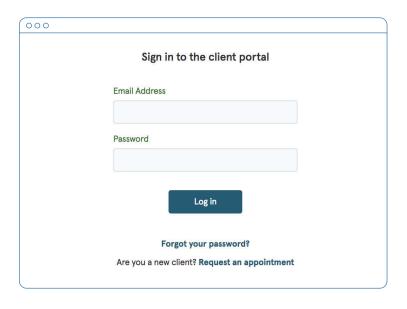
### **SECTIONS:**

- 1. How do I log in?
- 2. Troubleshooting
- 3. Online booking
- 4. Documents and forms

# 1. How do I log in?

Before logging into the Client Portal for the first time, you'll receive a welcome email from your clinician that looks like this:

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	Hi Matthew,
	Before we meet, I would like you to review my practice documents and provide some information about yourself. This will help us get started.
	Please click on this secure link below and login with the following:
	Username: your email address
	Password: 7885
	Click here to login to the client portal
	Thank you,
	Emily Okada



- Click on the link the the welcome email.
- You will arrive at the Welcome Page, where you can enter your Username and Password.
- Enter your email address in the
   Email Address field and your
   4-digit PIN number from the email in the Password field. This is your temporary password.

- 4. You'll then be prompted to create a password.
- 5. Enter a new password, then re-enter it, and click **Update**. This will be your password moving forward, each time you access the Client Portal. Be sure to write it down!
- 6. You are now logged in.

You will now be able to login to the Client Portal at any time, using your email address as your username and the password that you created above.

Tip: Bookmark this page, so you can log back in easily in the future.

# 2. Troubleshooting

- Check your spam folder and any other folders in your inbox for an email from the address no-reply@simplepractice.com. It also helps to add this address to your address book to make delivery easier.
- 2. If your clinician re-sends you an invitation, be sure to use the latest 4-digit passcode to log in. Note: some email providers will collapse the emails into the same thread. Be sure to select the email that you received most recently. If you're not sure what your current 4-digit passcode is, your clinician can provide that info for you.

- 3. Be mindful of any auto-fillers enabled in your browser that might be entering information for you. If the auto-filler replaces the information you type, this will cause it to appear as inaccurate.
- 4. Double-check your spelling. Your login credential for access will be your exact email address—the same email address where the invitation is delivered, so all spelling must be exact.
- 5. The same email can't be used for more than one portal account for the same clinician.

Tip: you only use the 4-digit passcode once. For each subsequent login, you'll use the new (8 or more digit) password that you created.

6. You can recover your password by clicking "Forgot your password?" below the Log in button. You'll be asked to enter your email address, and then you'll receive a password recovery email. Be sure to use the same email address that you normally use to log into your Client Portal, and check your spam

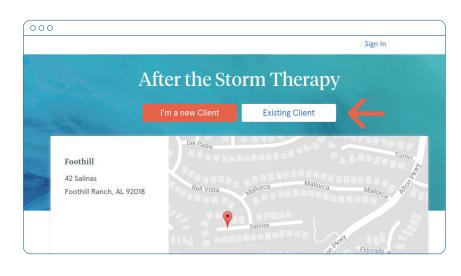
# 3. Online Booking

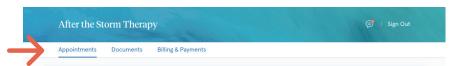
Online Booking lets you **request**, **cancel**, or **reschedule appointments** with your clinician. After submitting your request, you'll get a **confirmation email** once your clinician approves the appointment. If they are not able to see you at that time, they will send you a different email, which will let you request another time.

### **GETTING STARTED**

The following steps will show you how to request appointments.

- Go to your clinician's Client
   Portal and click Existing Client
   to log in. (The New Client
   button is only for clients who
   have never logged into the
   Client Portal before).
- Navigate to the appointments tab. (This may already be selected by default after you log in).





# 4. Documents and Forms

The first time you log into the Client Portal, you'll see a welcome message from your clinician. Click **Get Started** to start filling out the forms that your clinician shared with you.

Some documents can be signed by clicking the **checkbox** at the end of the bottom of the page. Then, click **Continue** to move to the next document.

Your clinician may also share some forms with you. Fill out as many fields as you can, then click **Submit**.

After submitting, the you'll see a confirmation page where you can **Make Corrections** or **Submit** the information:

Click Submit.



# Secure Messaging

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Secure Messaging lets
you send and receive
messages directly with
your clinician. Reschedule
your session or ask your
therapist a question right
from your phone!

# WHY USE SECURE MESSAGING?

- · Keep all your therapy-related communication in the same place.
- · It's as easy as texting, and you can do it from your phone.
- · All of your messages are 100% private and secure.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

When your clinician sends you a secure message, you'll receive an email that looks like this:

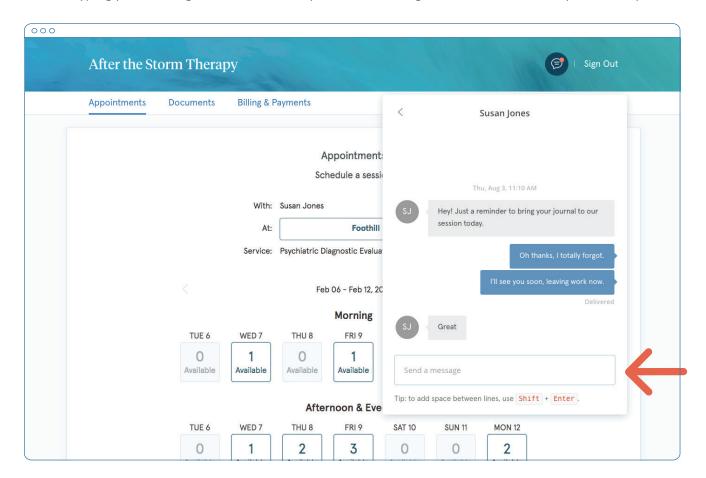
# New Secure Message From Emily Okada at Emily Okada Sent on July 20, 2017 09:48 Hi Alex, I'm introducing a new, secure way for us to communicate in your Client Portal. It's as easy as text messaging, but lets us exchange sensitive information using your smartphone or a web browser. READ SECURE MESSAGE You'll have access to this message with no need to remember your username and password until 10:10 AM.

1. Click on the **Read Secure**Message button to access your message. Your link will be active for 15 minutes from the time the email is sent. During this time, you can view your message directly after you click the link.

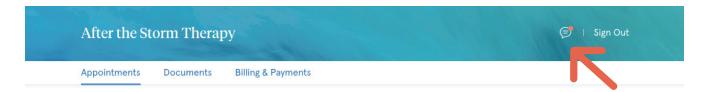
Note: After 15 minutes, you'll have to enter your Client Portal username and password to log in and view your message.

2. Clicking the link will open the messaging widget in your default browser. You can then send messages directly from there! This works the same way whether you're on your computer or your mobile device.

3. Start typing your message in the box that says "Send a message," then hit **Send** when you're ready.



You can check your messages or send new ones at any time by logging into the Client Portal.



Once you log into the portal, just click on the **Secure Message icon** to view your message. The orange dot indicates a new message is waiting.

You can click on the **Secure Message icon** at any time to open the messaging widget and send a message to your clinician.



# **Congratulations!**

You're now ready to start sending Secure Messages through your Client Portal.

# Online Booking

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Online Booking lets you request, cancel, or reschedule appointments with your clinician.

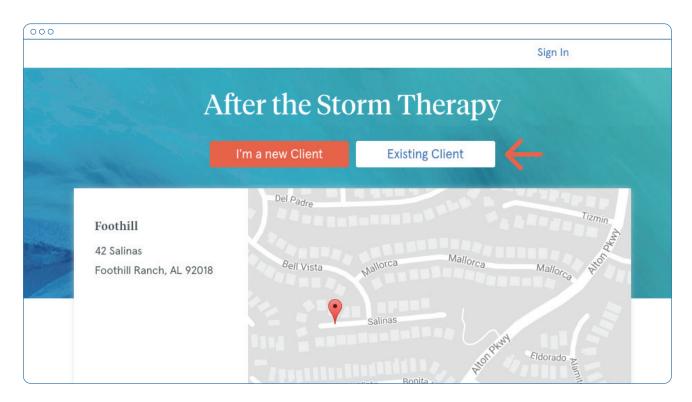
### **SECTIONS:**

- 1. Request a session
- 2. Cancelling requests

## **REQUEST A SESSION**

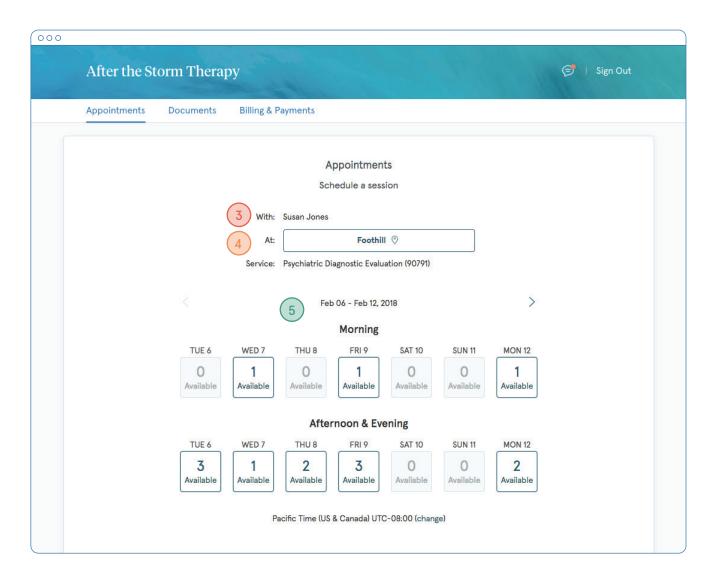
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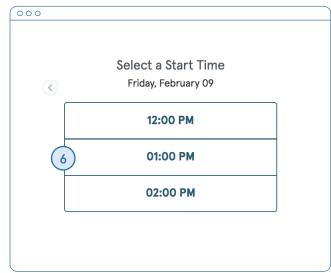


2. Navigate to the appointments tab. (This may already be selected by default after you log in).

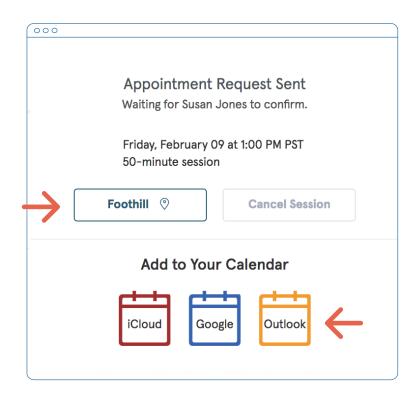




- 3. Select your **clinician** (if there are multiples) and your preferred **office location** from the dropdown menus.
- 4. Select your **service**. What type of appointments do you see your clinician for?
- 5. Click one of the **available** boxes to see specific times. You'll see that these boxes are split into morning (up until 12 noon), and afternoon & evening (12pm onwards). Clicking the arrows on the top left and right will let you move from week to week.
- 6. Click on the **time** that you'd like to request.



Note: To go back to the previous screen with all of the days, click the back button (top left).

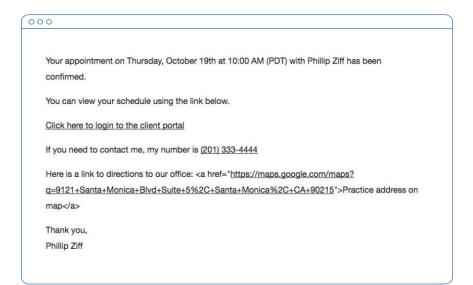


7. Your appointment request is now confirmed.

Note: This doesn't mean that the request has been accepted by your clinician yet.

You can click to view a map of the office location, or add the session to your calendar.

8. When your appointment request is accepted, you'll receive an email confirming the session:



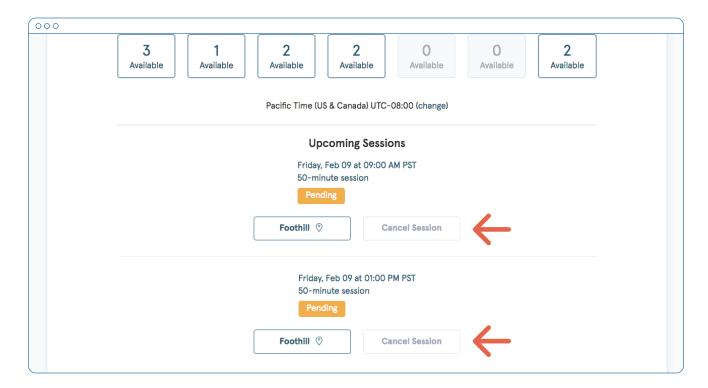
If they cannot see you at that time, you'll receive an email with a link to reschedule.

Click the link to go back to your client portal and request a new session.



## VIEWING AND CANCELLING REQUESTS

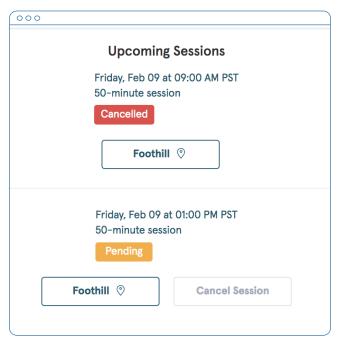
You'll see a list of your upcoming requests and confirmed or denied appointments on the appointments page of your client portal, below the calendar.



Click **Cancel Session** to cancel your appointment request.

Note: You'll only be able to cancel this way according to your clinician's cancellation policy. If you attempt to cancel too close to a session, or if they don't offer online cancellation, you'll receive a message to call their office to cancel.

Once your session is cancelled, you'll see this reflected on your appointments page in the Client Portal. Use this page to check the status of your requests, cancel sessions, or schedule new ones!





# **Congratulations!**

# Billing & Payments

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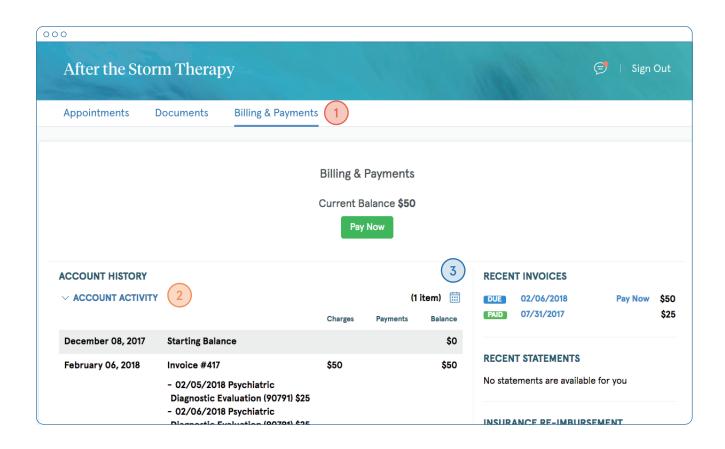
Using the Client Portal, you can view your recent invoices, statements, superbills, and payments. You can also add a credit card and pay for your sessions.

### **SECTIONS:**

- 1. Viewing your billing history and documents
- 2. Making payments

### VIEWING YOUR BILLING HISTORY AND DOCUMENTS

- 1. After logging into the Client Portal, click **Billing & Payments** to see your billing page. This page provides you with an overview of your recent payment history and access to your billing documents.
- 2. Click Account Activity to either hide or show your most recent sessions and payments.
- 3. You can also adjust the date range to display whichever sessions you'd like by clicking the calendar icon:



On the right side, you'll see three sections containing recent invoices, recent statements, and recent insurance reimbursement statements (superbills).

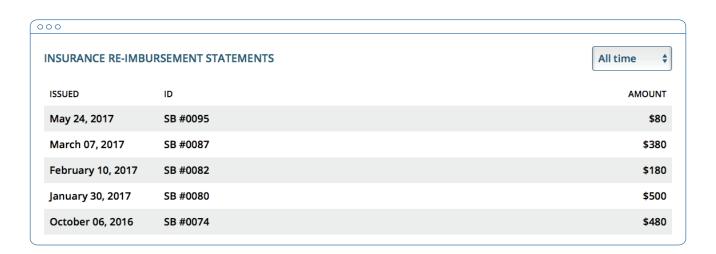
- 1. Click the **specific date** for a document to open (all light blue dates are clickable links).
- 2. Click X in the top, right corner to close the document (see image below).



Tip: Once you open a document, you can click Print to print it or Download PDF to download it to your computer.

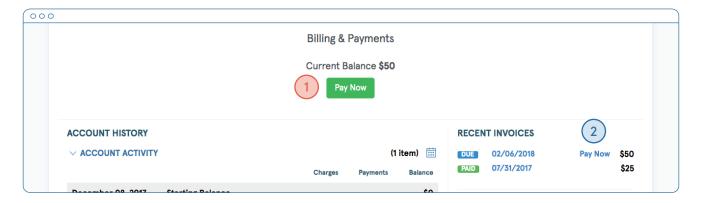
3. Click **View All** to see all of your past documents in that category.





# **MAKING PAYMENTS**

It's easy to pay your bills in the Client Portal and stay on top of your payment history.



Your current balance displays at the top of the page. You can either pay this entire balance, or pay a specific invoice.

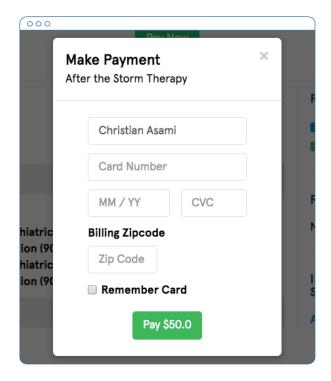
- To pay your entire balance, click Pay Now next to the balance amount.
- To pay a specific invoice, click Pay Now next to the invoice amount in the Recent Invoices section.

No matter which pay button you choose, the next steps are the same.

- Enter the cardholder's name, card info, and billing zipcode.
- 2. If you'd like to store this card to use in the future, check the **Remember Card** box.
- 3. The amount on the Pay button will reflect the payment that you're making. Make sure it's the correct amount, then click Pay \$(amount).
- You'll see that the status next to that invoice date in your recent invoice section has changed from Due to Paid.

If you stored the card, you'll be able to select this card from a dropdown menu for future payments.

Note: You can also pay an unpaid invoice by opening up that invoice and clicking the Pay button at the top of the document.





# Congratulations!