



AME / HIMS AME REFERRAL GUIDE

FAA and HIMS psychiatric evaluations

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Based near Dayton, Ohio, The Flight Shrink provides psychiatric evaluation services for pilots and air traffic control specialists addressing FAA aeromedical requirements. Confirm case fit, location, and availability before arranging an appointment.

Start with a professional inquiry

Share the requested evaluation, aviation role, state or general location, deadline, and referring AME, HIMS AME, or FAA medical contact.

Keep initial messages free of detailed medical information and attachments. Obtain document-delivery instructions before sending records. Individuals may also inquire directly.

What happens after records review

The Flight Shrink discusses the consultation, written consent, fees, and releases. After records review, a case summary is typically provided explaining why the FAA requires an evaluation and what it will attempt to address: establishing or clarifying a diagnosis, assessing stability, and recommending how to support continued stability.

An in-person psychiatric evaluation, report preparation, and related coordination follow. Scope and scheduling depend on the request and available information.

Independent clinical opinion

The report does not guarantee a favorable recommendation, medical certificate, special issuance, or clearance. An ongoing treatment relationship requires a separate written treatment agreement.

Consultation and evaluation fees

Service	Fee
30-minute phone / video consultation	\$250
Record Review	\$1,750
Evaluation	\$1,750
Report Writing	\$1,750
Upfront full-service package, including consultation	\$4,500

The \$250 consultation is credited toward Record Review, leaving \$1,500 for that stage, or toward the upfront package, leaving \$4,250. An optional \$90 written email consultation is credited toward the \$250 consultation if proceeding.

Unusually complex additional work: \$500 per hour with advance notice.

The written consent provides complete scope, payment, credit, disclosure, and refund terms. Existing written agreements continue to apply. Ask about separate evaluations or testing required from other professionals.

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