



**NORTHERN COLORADO
COUNSELING, PLLC**

It is our policy at Northern Colorado Counseling that we will not write letters for new or current clients attesting to the need for an Emotional Support Animal (ESA). The State of Colorado's Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) states: "Healthcare professionals must first establish whether a disability exists and if found, determine whether there is sufficient information for a recommendation for an ESA to provide a therapeutic benefit for that disability. In order to make such determinations, licensees must be both sufficiently familiar with the patient and the patient's disability; and legally and professionally qualified to make this determination." As this is outside our scope of practice, our staff will refer clients back to their primary care doctor or other professional who may make this determination and/or write a letter on their behalf.