

August 14, 2001

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Dear Ms. Marley:

Pursuant to your request regarding the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses performing "Clinical Evaluations" (initial assessment) in the Medicaid Mental Health Rehabilitation Program, the information you submitted was studied by the Nursing Practice Committee on July 17, 2001. The Committee presented its recommendation to the Board of Nursing on August 12, 2001, and, after due deliberation, the Board adopted the following opinion:

In reference to agenda item 6.4, that it is within the scope of practice for an APRN to perform the initial client assessment/clinical evaluation for mental health Medicaid clients.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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