



**BRN CERTIFIED CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST IN THE SPECIALTY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING, AND BRN LISTED PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH RN**

**Reimbursement for Counseling Services: Victims of Crime**

**Effective October 2001**

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AB 1253, Chapter 420, Matthews and AB 1017, Chapter 712, Jackson were signed into law by Governor Gray Davis in October 2001. These bills amend the Evidence Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, and the Insurance Code to allow the following registered nurses to bill for counseling services for victims of crime:

- ◆ A person licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, who possesses a master's degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing and is listed as a psychiatric-mental health nurse by the Board of Registered Nursing.

and

- ◆ An advanced practice registered nurse who is certified as a clinical nurse specialist pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 2838) of Chapter 6 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code and who participates in expert clinical practice in the specialty of psychiatric-mental health nursing.

**AB 1253, Chapter 420**

An act to amend Section 1010 of the Evidence Code, to add and repeal Section 13960.7 of the Government Code, to amend Sections 1373 and 1373.8 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 10176 and 10177 of the Insurance Code, relating to nursing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

**AB 1017, Chapter 712**

An act to amend Sections 13961, 13961.01, 13965, 13965.5 of, to amend and repeal Sections 13960 and 13964 of, and to add and repeal Section 13960.6 of, the Government Code, relating to victims of crime and making an appropriation therefor.