

(ii) Treatment of psychosocial conditions and mental disorders and the provision of psychotherapy under the direct supervision of a licensed certified social worker-clinical.

(4) For an individual licensed as a certified social worker-clinical, "practice social work" also includes:

(i) Supervision of other social workers;

(ii) Evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of psychosocial conditions, **MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL CONDITIONS AND IMPAIRMENTS**, and mental disorders as defined in § 10-101(f) of the Health - General Article; and

(iii) The provision of psychotherapy.

(n) "Psychotherapy" means a method for the treatment of mental disorders and behavioral disturbances in which a licensed health care practitioner enters into a professional contract with the patient and, through a therapeutic communication or interaction, attempts to:

(1) Alleviate emotional disturbances;

(2) Reverse or alter maladaptive patterns of behavior; or

(3) Encourage personality growth and development.

(o) "Supervision" means a formalized professional relationship between a supervisor and a supervisee that:

(1) Provides evaluation and direction of the supervisee; and

(2) Promotes continued development of the supervisee's knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide social work services in an ethical and competent manner.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.