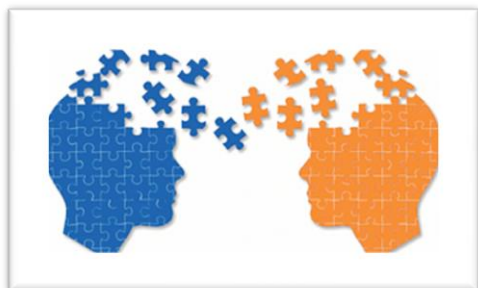


# Minnesota Interpreters Newsletter

## Interpreter Stakeholder's Group



### New Opportunities



The Minnesota Registry for spoken-language interpreters is in a draft form that may go to the legislature in the near future. If it were to be passed into law it would impact spoken-language interpreters in the medical field working in the state of Minnesota.

In this newsletter we're hoping to spread some knowledge about the contents and purpose of this registry.

The purpose of the Roster and the Registry is to promote minimum qualifications for interpreters working in the medical field. The goal of this is to promote patient safety and the professionalization of the industry.

There are differences between the Minnesota Department of Health Interpreter Roster and the Registry. The Roster has been signed into law and requires interpreters to be on the roster to be eligible for reimbursement for services through state insurance. The only requirement is to pay a \$50 fee.

The Registry would have more requirements and looks to the work being done on the national certification.

The current registry proposal includes (but is not limited to):

- Training requirements
- Language Proficiency Testing
- Background Check
- Agreeing to abide by the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) code of ethics.
- Provision for those who have achieved National Certification

This has been drafted over a number of years by different committees under the Interpreting Stakeholders Group (ISG) and vetted extensively by content experts.

#### How to get involved:

This is likely to directly impact your chosen profession. This is not yet set-in-stone. Please consider joining the ISG and attending meetings so your voice can be heard.

More information can be found at [www.isgmidwest.org](http://www.isgmidwest.org)

