



Self-Advocating for Preferred Interpreter

To comply with the Americans with Disability Act, a Deaf/Hard of Hearing individual has a right to request a reasonable accommodation for effective communication. This reasonable accommodation would be for a sign language interpreter to be hired by the service provider for the Deaf individual.

To assist you with self-advocating for an interpreter, please follow the directions below:

1. Print the Preferred Interpreter Card attached below.
2. Choose your preferred interpreters from the IDHHC Interpreter list found at <http://www.idhhc.state.il.us/interpreter/pdf/terpReport/Central.pdf> or from our website link.
3. Insert interpreters name and phone number in the provided space on your card.
4. Cut out card and fold in half and keep in your wallet.
5. Refer to your card when making an appointment to request your preferred interpreter.
6. Complaints regarding the refusal to provide interpreter services should be directed to the Illinois Dept. of Public Health at 1-800-252-4343.

Lamination of this card is available upon request at Advocates for Access.

Feel free to make multiple copies for your use at anytime.

↓ Preferred Interpreter Card ↓



I am Deaf/Hard of Hearing and I need a sign language interpreter to effectively communicate.

You are required by federal and state laws to comply with this request. These laws apply as public accommodations:

- ADA Act: 42 U.S.C. Sec 12101
- Rehabilitation Act: 29 U.S.C. Sec 701
- Illinois Human Rights Act 7751 LCS 5
- Language Assistance Act
- Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007

Contact Advocates for Access with questions at 309.682.3500(V) or 309.863-5847 (VP)

I prefer the following sign language interpreters:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

A complete list of licensed sign language interpreters can be found at www.idhhc.state.il.us.