

Department of Human Services
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in the Large Conference Room, Hillsview Plaza, 3800 E. Hwy 34, Pierre, South Dakota, on May 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. central time, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules:

§§ 46:31:02:03, 46:31:02:04.01, 46:31:06:01, and 46:31:06:02.

The effect and purpose of this rule change is to bring the interpreter certification level required for criminal proceedings or serious medical procedures corresponding to the certification currently being granted by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). The changes include clarification of allowable settings and elimination of rules that are no longer applicable.

The primary rule change is being proposed to comply with certification levels currently offered by the RID. Certifications currently in ARSD 46:31:06:02 are still recognized for those that hold those certifications, but none of those certifications are currently offered. Those now receiving certification through the RID receive the National Interpreter Certification (NIC). Language cleanup eliminates initial registration for South Dakota interpreters, removes language regarding first four-year maintenance cycle for SD certified interpreters, and notes that interpreters holding certain certifications can interpret in all settings including criminal proceedings or serious medical procedures.

The RID changed the current testing tool and eliminated certification levels. NIC certified individuals demonstrate general knowledge in the field of interpreting, ethical decision making, and interpreting skills. Candidates must demonstrate professional knowledge and skills that meet or exceed the minimum professional standards necessary to perform in a broad range of interpretation and transliteration assignments.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing, or by sending them to the Department of Human Services, Hillsview Plaza, 3800 East Highway 34, c/o 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Human Services by 5 p.m. on May 30, 2017, to be considered.

After the hearing, the Department of Human Services will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Department may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Human Services at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5990 or (605)773-6412 TTY.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

Department of Human Services
Hillsview Plaza, East Highway 34
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