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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION  
*Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.*



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## PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Aging and Disability Services Division – Communication Access Services (CAS) Program – Nevada Interpreter / CART Registry

Date and Time of Workshop: Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Information: [Join Zoom Meeting Online](#)

Telephone Option: 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 991 2051 3066, Passcode: 147914

Sign language interpreters will be available on screen and CART will be accessible by following this link:

<https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.com/event/adstd>

### 1. Workshop Welcome

Jennifer Montoya, CAS Supervisor

**2. Public comment** *(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)*

**3. Explanation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 656A**

**4. Explanation of new credential standards and requirements for interpreters**

**5. Discussion and recommendations on new minimum standards by regulation**

**6. Public comment** *(No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)*

**7. Adjourn**

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**Note:** We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Jennifer Montoya in writing at 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706, via email at [jmontoya@adstd.nv.gov](mailto:jmontoya@adstd.nv.gov) or by video phone at (775) 434-0237 as soon as possible.

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The existing law requires the Aging and Disability Services Division to adopt regulations to establish qualification requirements and register signed language interpreters and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) providers meeting the requirements under NRS 656A.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-656A.html>

The proposed regulation changes provide provisions for the following:

- 1) Definitions:
  - a. Changes the definition of “mentor.”
  - b. Changes the definition of “community setting.”
  - c. Changes the definition of “primary and secondary setting.”
  - d. Changes the definition of “practice of sign language interpreting.”
  - e. Adds the definition of “postsecondary setting.”
  - f. Adds the definition of “professional development.”
  - g. Adds the definition of a “nationally recognized sign language interpreter or transliterator certification”
- 2) Removes:
  - a. Registration requirement for Cued Speech Translitterators.
  - b. Some definitions for clarity.
- 3) Changes:
  - a. The current seven classifications by reducing them to four classifications and adds a student classification per SB179
    - i. Community Professional
    - ii. Community Provisional
    - iii. Educational Professional
    - iv. Educational Provisional
    - v. Student
  - b. The renewal cycle to annual renewal for all classifications.
  - c. Professional Development and Mentoring hour requirement for non-certified interpreters due to converting to an annual renewal cycle.
  - d. The minimum qualification requirements for Educational classifications per SB179.
  - e. Specific language requiring certification types to “generally recognized national organizations.”
  - f. The substitute limitations for educational interpreters.
  - g. Some language for clarity.
- 4) Adds:
  - a. Additional acceptable qualifications for Community classifications.
  - b. Time limit for Provisional classifications per SB179.
  - c. Code(s) of ethics for Community and Educational classifications.
  - d. Qualifications for professional mentors.

Members of the public may make comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material to Jenn Montoya, Social Service Program Specialist II at the following address:

Aging and Disability Services Division  
3416 Goni Road, D-132  
Carson City, NV 89706  
(775) 687-0574 (FAX – Attention: Jennifer Montoya)  
JMontoya@adsd.nv.gov

If you prefer to provide comments in ASL, please leave a SignMail message at (775) 434-0237.

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Aging and Disability Services Division  
3416 Goni Road, D-132  
Carson City, NV 89706

Aging and Disability Service Division  
3320 West Sahara Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Nevada State Library and Archives  
100 Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV

A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on-line by going to:  
[http://adsd.nv.gov/Meetings/Meeting\\_Notices/](http://adsd.nv.gov/Meetings/Meeting_Notices/)

A copy of the public workshop notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page:  
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

A copy of this notice has been posted at the following locations:

1. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 1875 Plumas Street, #1, Reno, NV 89509
2. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 2820 W. Charleston Blvd., #11, Las Vegas, NV 89102
3. Nevada Disability, Advocacy and Law Center, 905 Railroad Street, #104B, Elko, NV 89801
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, 3416 Goni Rd., Carson City, NV 89706
5. Aging and Disability Services Division, 3320 West Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89102
6. Aging and Disability Services Division, 9670 Gateway Dr., Ste. 200, Reno, NV 89521
7. Aging and Disability Services Division, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr., Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801

A copy of all materials relating to the workshop may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting the Aging and Disability Services Division, 3416 Goni Road, D-132, Carson City, NV 89706, 775-687-4210, [adsd@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:adsd@adsd.nv.gov).

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.