

# Sign Language Interpreting Services



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**Labor & Industries**

## **For Providers — How do I Request a Sign Language Interpreter?**

L&I medical and vocational providers are responsible for scheduling interpreter services directly for both spoken and sign languages.

To find the list of L&I interpreters:

- Go to **[www.Lni.wa.gov/Interpreters](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/Interpreters)**.
- Select Interpreter Lookup Service, under the Find an Interpreter Service section on the left.
- Search Sign language then select the state dropdown.
- Select an interpreter who is closest to the location where services are needed and call the interpreter to see if they're available to assist with the worker. Note: this may require several phone calls in order to arrange service as there are a limited number of sign language interpreters available in Washington.

Friends and family should not be utilized as interpreters and will not be financially compensated.

## For Sign Language Interpreters — How do I bill L&I?

Sign language interpreters must have an L&I provider ID number to receive payment from L&I.

Note: for interpreters, the application for a provider ID can happen after the appointment.

Resource link to Provider Account application information, [www.Lni.wa.gov/BecomeAProvider](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/BecomeAProvider).

Interpreters must have certification through Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID).

### For details on how to submit bills for interpreting services, please see:

- Chapter 22: Other Services in the Medical Aid Rules and Fee Schedules: [www.Lni.wa.gov/patient-care/billing-payments/marfsdocs/2022/2022MARFSChapter22.pdf](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/patient-care/billing-payments/marfsdocs/2022/2022MARFSChapter22.pdf)
- [www.Lni.wa.gov/FeeSchedules](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/FeeSchedules)
- [www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI)
- Direct Entry Billing Manual: [www.Lni.wa.gov/go/F245-437-000](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/go/F245-437-000)


For sign language billing, please use procedure code 9976M. This code pays By Report, so interpreters should bill their usual and customary fee.

- Interpreter Services Appointment Record is required with the bill.
- Mileage isn't billable — however, if a sign language interpreter's usual and customary fee includes a block of time (such as a 2-hour minimum), that block can include time spent traveling to or from an appointment.
- L&I claims are identified as alphanumeric, e.g. AA12345 or A123456 (for info see, Chapter 22: Language Access Services, [www.Lni.wa.gov/patient-care/billing-payments/marfsdocs/2022/2022MarfsChapter22.pdf](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/patient-care/billing-payments/marfsdocs/2022/2022MarfsChapter22.pdf)).
  - Crime victim claims start with a V: [www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI)
  - Self-insured claims start with an S, T, or W: [www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/BillingLNI)
  - State Fund claims start with A, B, C, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, X, Y, or Z.
  - This is to help identify L&I claims, and is critical for payment to the interpreter.

## Resources:

- Link to how to arrange interpreter services ([www.Lni.wa.gov/Interpreters](http://www.Lni.wa.gov/Interpreters)) for spoken language interpreter needs.
- Need further assistance? Contact us at [Interpretation@Lni.wa.gov](mailto:Interpretation@Lni.wa.gov) or, [ProviderFeedback@Lni.wa.gov](mailto:ProviderFeedback@Lni.wa.gov) with billing questions.





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