**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Louisiana Department of Health**

**Office of Public Health**

State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards

(LAC:67:VII.1301)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) proposes to repeal LAC:67:VII.1301 in its entirety to remove current rules that provide for State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards.

**Title 67**

**Social Services**

**Part VII. Rehabilitation Services**

Chapter 13. State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards

§1301. Certification Standards

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:2351-2354 and 46:2361-2374.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Commission for the Deaf, LR 17:389 (April 1991), amended LR 18:968 (September 1992), LR 19:905 (July 1993), LR 21:838 (August 1995), LR 26:1489 (July 2000), repealed by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health.

**Family Impact Statement**

The proposed rule is not anticipated to have an impact on family, formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed rule is not anticipated to have an impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.

**Small Business Analysis**

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

**Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on staffing requirements, qualifications, and cost for providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Such comments must be received no later than Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Amy Zapata, Program Manager, Bureau of Family Health, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Suite 590, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or emailed to Amy Zapata at amy.zapata@la.gov.

**Public Hearing**

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing either by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, in Room 117 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Tuesday, June 10, 2025. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

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Secretary