

Dear Medicaid Service Provider,

You have likely become aware that the future of DSHS medical interpreting is uncertain at best. It now appears likely that this program will be cut in its entirety in just a few weeks. What will happen after is not entirely clear, but one likely outcome is that medical providers will have to contact interpreters directly. This raises the question of where one can turn to find professional interpreters.

The Washington State Court Interpreters and Translators Society (WITS) is a non-profit, professional organization that for over 20 years has advocated for excellence in the interpreting profession. Though our mission is primarily focused on court interpreting, many, if not most, of our members practice in more than one of the disciplines of the language professions, including medical interpreting.

WITS has a searchable directory of our members. You may search for interpreters by language, name, or credentials. You will find that the majority of our members are certified medial interpreters, in addition to their other credentials. Click on the following link and look for Directory:

www.witsnet.org

Our sister society, the Northwest Translators and Interpreters Society (NOTIS), has a similar directory on their web site:

www.notisnet.org

The Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts also maintains a searchable list of all its certified and registered interpreters:

www.courts.wa.gov/interpreters

We hope that this resource is useful to you.

WITS Outreach