Interpreter Registry Proposal 2 (alternative)

Phase 1   July 1, 2008 Estimated Effective Date
Voluntary Registry (host agency not identified
     Includes all languages
        Not limited to medical interpreting (could include school, social
           work and other specialties)
OPI Advanced High or higher in English and second language
24 hours of accredited Orientation to Interpreting (content is specified)
People on the list subscribe to the MN Interpreter's Code of Ethics
Background check
MN Application fee to be listed on Registry

Phase 2   July 1, 2010 Estimated Effective Date
Voluntary Registry (host agency not identified)
     Includes all languages
        Not limited to medical interpreting (could include school, social
           work and other specialties)
OPI Advanced High or higher in English and second language
6 credit hours or 240 hours in accredited program of Role of the Interpreter,
        Ethics, and Skills Development
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Background check
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Phase 3   July 1, 2012 Estimated Effective Date
Voluntary Registry (host agency not identified)
     Includes all languages
        Not limited to medical interpreting (could include school, social
           work and other specialties)
OPI Advanced High or higher in English and second language
18 credit hours or 720 hours in accredited Interpreter Training Program
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Background check
MN Application fee to be listed on Registry

Phase 4   July 1, 2015 Estimated Effective Date
Mandatory Registry with exceptions for under-represented languages
(host agency not identified)
        Not limited to medical interpreting (could include school, social
           work and other specialties)
OPI Advanced High or higher in English and second language
18 credit hours or 720 hours in accredited Interpreter Training Program
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Background check
        MN Application fee to be listed on Registry

Phase Final   July 1, 2017 Estimated Effective Date
Mandatory Certification from national certifying organization
Pass national medical certification process (avail in multiple languages)

Demonstrate accuracy in interpreting

Demonstrate ability to interpret ethically

Continuing certification requirements

Professional development (continuing education)

Employment hours (continuing practice requirement)

Escape clause for shortages (exceptions to mandatory certification)

MN Fee for Certification System (host agency not identified)

MN participates in national certification processes

MN administers system for certified interpreters serving MN

MN conducts accountability mechanisms for competency and adherence to interpreter code of conduct and ethics