

## Chapter SPS 200

### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS; AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

SPS 200.01 Authority.

SPS 200.02 Definitions.

**Note:** Chapter RL 200 was renumbered chapter SPS 200 under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register November 2011 No. 671.

**SPS 200.01 Authority.** The rules in chs. SPS 200, 201, 203, and 204 are adopted by the department in consultation with the sign language interpreters advisory committee pursuant to s. 440.032 (4m), (5m), and (7) (b), Stats.

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**SPS 200.02 Definitions.** As used in chs. SPS 200, 201, 203, and 204:

(1) “Advocate” means an individual who provides assistance to an individual who is deaf, deaf–blind, or hard of hearing and may provide counsel, personal opinions, advice, and assist an individual in making personal decisions.

(1g) “Client” has the meaning in s. 440.032 (1) (a), Stats.

(1r) “Committee” has the meaning in s. 440.032 (1) (am), Stats.

(2) “Conflict of interest” means a conflict, either actual or perceived, between the private interests, whether personal, financial, or professional, and the official or professional responsibilities of a DSPS–licensed interpreter, deriving from a specific interpreting situation.

(3) “Consumer” means any individual or entity that is part of the interpreting situation, including individuals who are deaf, deaf–blind, hard of hearing, and hearing.

(5) “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.

(6) “DSPS” means the department of safety and professional services.

(8) “DSPS–licensed interpreter” means an individual who provides sign language interpreter services, for compensation, and who is licensed under s. 440.032 (3), Stats.

(8m) “Interpreter training program” has the meaning in s. 440.032 (1) (bm), Stats.

(9) “Interpreting situation” means any instance of a DSPS–licensed interpreter performing interpreting services for consumers.

(10) “Interpreting” means rendering accurate and equivalent messages using sign language to facilitate cultural and linguistic communication.

(13) “Support service provider” has the meaning in s. 440.032 (1) (c), Stats.

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