

## Chapter SPS 204

### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS; IDENTIFICATION CARDS

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**SPS 204.01 Identification card required.** Interpreters licensed by the department must carry an identification card as identified under s. 440.032 (5m), Stats., at all times while providing sign language interpretation services to clients for compensation and must be shown by the interpreter upon request. Digital reproductions of the identification card are not sufficient to fulfill this requirement. The physical identification card shall be worn on the interpreter's body at all times while providing services to clients.

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**SPS 204.02 Content and format.** The identification card referenced in s. SPS 204.01 shall include all the following information:

- (1) The interpreter's full name.
- (2) The interpreter's licensure category, and whether the interpreter is qualified under ch. SPS 203 to interpret in a mental health or legal setting, including color coding as follows:
  - (a) Intermediate hearing and deaf licenses shall be color-coded yellow.
  - (b) Advanced hearing and deaf licenses shall be color-coded green.

(c) A blue sticker if the individual is qualified under ch. SPS 203 to interpret in a mental health setting.

(d) A silver sticker if the individual is qualified under ch. SPS 203 to interpret in a legal setting.

(3) Any applicable licensure restriction.

(4) A statement whether the interpreter is authorized by the supreme court to act as a qualified interpreter in court proceedings under s. 885.38 (2), Stats., and whether that authorization is provisional.

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**SPS 204.03 Identification card renewal.** The identification card shall be provided with an approved license by the department and be valid until the license expires. An identification card is reissued at renewal and when any personal information or licensure categories listed on the card have changed. Interpreters are required to maintain a valid and correct identification card.

**Note:** Request for changes in personal information or updated identification cards under this section should be sent to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708 or online at <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

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