

## 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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