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Document Title	Deaf Persons' Interpreters Act 204 of 1982- Revised 2007
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Related URL's	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/PA_204_Amended_2007_242542_7.pdf 2. Michigan BEI Testing: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcr/MI_Certified_Interpreter_Requirements_Doc_November_2011_368109_7.pdf 3. EIPA Testing: http://mdelio.cenmi.org/Services/StudentsWhoAreDeafandorHardofHearing/EducationallInterpreterInformation.aspx
Comments	<p>February 2012- PA204-2007 Draft rules have not yet been out for public comment. Promulgated.</p> <p>Deaf Person's Interpreter Act: (f) "Qualified interpreter" means a person who is certified through the national registry of interpreters for the deaf or certified through the state by the division.</p> <p>(h) "Qualified sign language interpreter" means a qualified interpreter who uses sign language to convey information.</p>
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	Proposed BEI: Associate Degree two years after promulgation.
Oral	Deaf Person's Interpreter Act: (g) "Qualified oral interpreter" means a qualified interpreter who is able to convey information through facial and lip movement.
Cued Speech	none
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current Process: BEI Written English Exam is required before taking the performance exam. - EIPA: Draft Rules: Written exam will be required at the end of the phase-in time of the rules. - NIC HS
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	<p>National Certification Proposed: Elementary EIPA 3.5; High School EIPA 3.5 (after phase-in time, EIPA 4.0 (pending draft rules approval as currently written) Proposed: HS BEI 1, 2, 3</p>
CEU's	20 units annually

Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	
Renewals	Annually with proof of professional development units
Additional Information	<p>Sheryl Emery Director, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Division of Deaf/Hard of Hearing http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-58275_28545---,00.html</p> <p>Joanne Winkelman Policy Coordinator, Michigan Department of Education:; Nancy Mosher Consultant, Michigan Department of Education: Low Incidence Outreach for D/HH, http://mde-lio.cenmi.org</p>