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# Important Notice

from the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns — Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Dear Interpreter:

As you are probably aware, effective November 1, 2008, the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing suspended the QA examination. We are mindful that this may have caused some anxiety within the interpreting community. We apologize and ask that you bear with us as we undergo changes that will ultimately improve the quality of interpreting services available to Michigan's Deaf / Hard of Hearing community as well as bring higher recognition to the profession of interpreting by establishing standards of performance for our state qualified interpreters.

As we work to implement new testing we want to ensure those of you whom currently hold QA certification remain compliant with the law. Thus, any interpreter whom currently possesses a valid QA that expired (4<sup>th</sup> year) **ON or AFTER November 1, 2008** will receive a one year extension of their current QA until a new testing instrument has been established.

Please contact Joy Thomassen, State Interpreter Coordinator, if you believe your QA will soon expire (4<sup>th</sup> year) or meets the criteria of having expired AFTER November 1, 2008 up to the date of this posting. If your QA has not yet expired, it is important that you send in your renewal prior to expiration date. Please review the information from the FAQ posted on DODHH web page.

**“What if my four-year QA cycle is expiring and I am due to retest during the QA suspension?”**

Do not send in a full payment for retest! If your QA cycle ends during the suspension and you are due to retest, send your \$30 registration fee to DODHH. Upon receipt of your fee you will be issued a MI QA extension of your current credential level until the new examination is available. Proof of your MI QA units will be required when testing resumes.

**This will be the only notice you will receive!**

Sincerely,

Sheryl D. Emery, M.A. Director  
Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Joy Thomassen, NAD IV, CI/CT, State Interpreter Coordinator  
Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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