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Memorandum

DATE: March 25, 2011

TO: All RID Nationally Certified and EIPA Certified interpreters expiring June 30, 2011

FROM: Sheryl Emery, DODHH Director

SUBJECT: June 30, 2011- MI mandated RID & EIPA renewals

You are receiving this letter as you are either a RID nationally or an EIPA certified interpreter within the state of Michigan that has certification set to expire at 12:01 AM, June 30, 2011. The Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DODHH) wishes to remind you that your mandated annually renewed registration for 2011-2012 needs to be updated and **on** the Michigan Online Interpreter System by June 29, 2011 at the close of the business day. Any person whose registration is not updated by that time will automatically be dropped off the system at 12:01 AM and will not be legally able to interpret until they are added again. Per Public Act 204, 1982 amended 2007, the Deaf Persons' Interpreter Act, all qualified interpreters are required to both register and renew their credentials annually with the DODHH.

You are urged to mail your registration information at least 4 weeks prior the deadline as payments DO NOT come directly to DODHH. Registration goes to the state mailing room and checks/payments must be processed by accounting and posted. Registration will be processed in the order that it arrives to us from the mail room. The office cannot accept registration / payments that are dropped off in person, nor are we expediting applications for persons that delay sending their registration.

Your registration will be updated after we have received all of the following from you:

1. Proof of receipt from the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc (RID) or a legible copy of your 2011-2012 credentials as recognized with RID (please note failure to include proof will further delay your registration).
2. Completed national or EIPA registration form at www.michigan.gov/dodhh. (Look for the green heading, "For Interpreters." And complete the registration document that applies to you) Please note this is a new web address for DODHH.
3. The legislation mandated renewal fee of \$30.

4. State EIPA certified interpreters are required to have at least 20 professional development units for renewal (EIPA interpreters that have RID designation may disregard this requirement). Persons with currently registered EIPA 2010-2011) do not need to re-submit their EIPA results sheet. Persons that are registering their EIPA for the first time must attach examination results from Boys Town.

The Division will send you a confirmation email notification when you have been successfully renewed. Make sure when completing your application that the email address is current and legible. Upon notification of successful renewal you may legally interpret, you do not need to wait for a new card. Persons may check your status on the Michigan Interpreter Online System. Please allow three to four weeks for receipt of your interpreter card, before calling, as our cards are printed by another State of Michigan office.

Thank you for your commitment to serve the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing community as together we strive to provide the best quality service possible.

Sincerely,

Sheryl D. Emery, Director

Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

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