

Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS)
Health Facility Licensing, Permits and Support Division
(HFLPSD)

Qualified Interpreter (QI) Program

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**Qualified Interpreters
(Apply & Renew)**

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QI Program

QI Program Overview

- Proctor the TEP and BEI Exams
- Certify Individuals
- Process and renew applications for Sign Language Interpreters

Michigan Accepted Certification Credentials

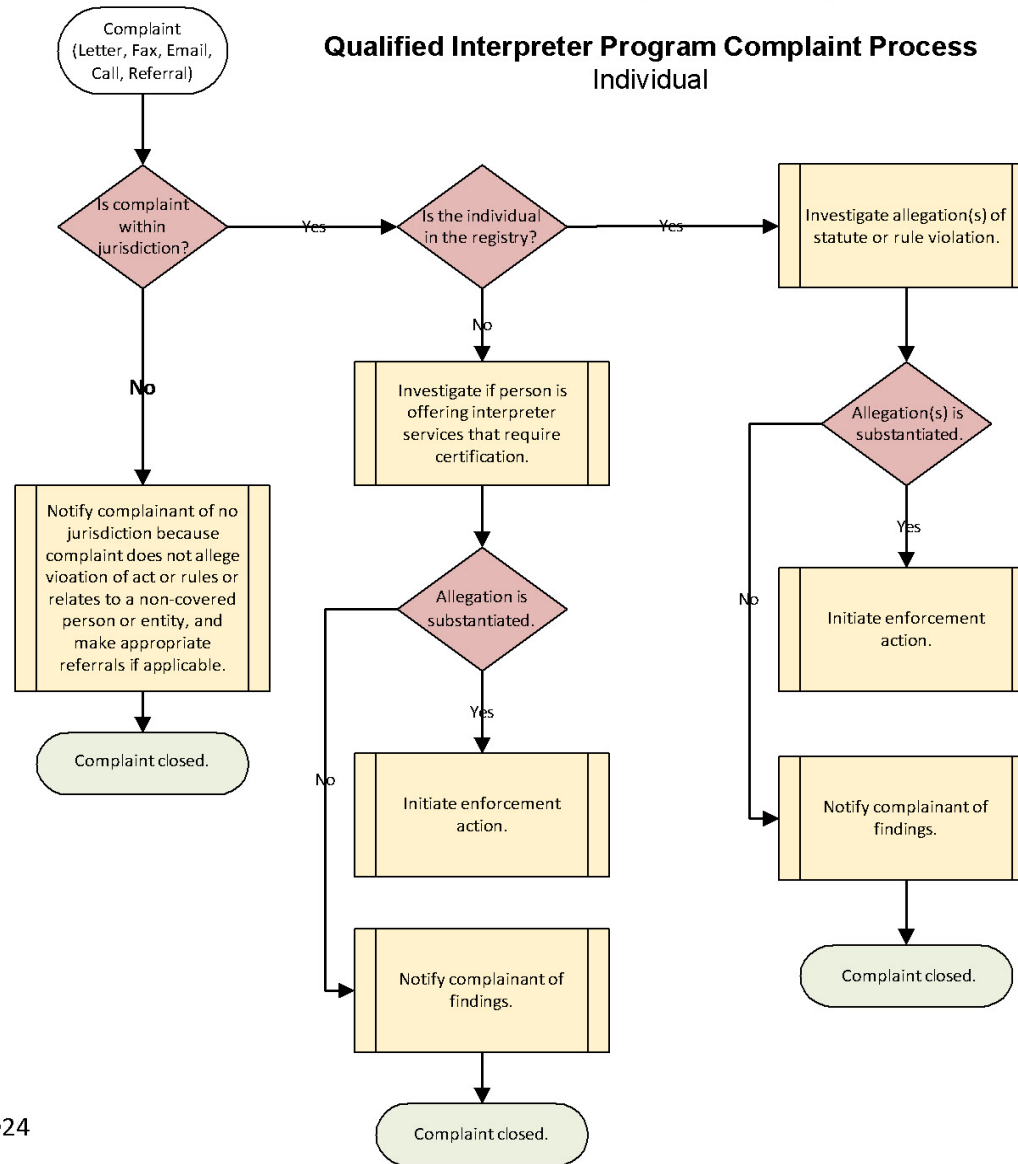
- RID – National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- EIPA — Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment
- Michigan BEI Interpreter Credential — Basic (I), Advanced (II), and Master (III)

Introduction of Additional BCCHS Staff

- Steve Gobbo, Deputy Director, Bureau of Community and Health Systems
- Jason Scheeneman, Administrative Law Specialist, Bureau of Community and Health Systems
- Jim Wiggins, Manager, Workforce Investigation Section, Bureau of Community and Health Systems

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Qualified Interpreter Program Complaint Process
Individual



Last Update: 01/26/2024

Qualified Interpreter Rules

Update on the Draft Qualified Interpreter Administrative Rules

- Created a preliminary workgroup with board members to advise on the rule drafting.
- Request for Rulemaking (RFR) filed. New number for tracking 2023-50 LR.
- The goal is to make the rules more concise but meet the principles of the act and current rules.
- Next steps are to share draft rules with MDCR and MDE.
- Townhall meeting dates to be determined.
- There will be an opportunity for public comment.

Update on the FY25 Budget recommendations

- Early stages of FY25 Budget
- Governor's proposed FY25 Budget recommendation: Investment \$800,000 for state certification, credentialing, and endorsement of approximately 1,000 interpreters serving deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing community.

Highlights & Happenings

- Supported Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (Grand Rapids) by contributing to their 14th annual Signing Santa holiday event.
- Plan to attend the upcoming MDCR Advisory Council for the Division on Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing meeting on February 23, 2024.
- QI staff collaborated with other states that administer BEI Tests on best practices.



Testing Statistics

Fiscal Year (FY 24) October 2023 – January 2024

TEP Test Results

Testers	Passed	Failed	% Passing Rates
15	6	9	40%

BEI Performance Test Results

Level	Testers	Pass	Fail	% Passing Rates
BEI I (Basic)	15	5	10	33%
BEI II (Advanced)	7	0	7	0%
BEI III (Master)	2	0	2	0%

Pending Results: BEI Basic (I) – 6; BEI Advanced (II) – 2; BEI Master (III) – 0

QI Website Changes

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Michigan Qualified Interpreter Program

The Qualified Interpreter (QI) Program—Certifies qualified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing. The QI Program processes applications for sign language interpreters such as: TEP & BEI exams, initial certification, and renewals. The Michigan accepted certification credentials are: RID – National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; Michigan (BEI) Interpreter Credential – Levels 1 (Basic), 2 (Advanced), and 3 (Master); and EIPA — Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment.

Board of Interpreters for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing ([View Board Member information here](#))

[Upcoming Board Meeting 2/14/24 \(In-person\)](#)

[Recording of the Board Meeting held on 10/25/23](#)

Search for Sign Language Interpreters

Click here: [MICHIGAN ONLINE INTERPRETER SYSTEM \(MOIS\)](#)

Renew Your Certification

- [Renewal Application](#)
- [Renewal Visual Calendar Graphic RID & EIPA](#)
- [Renewal Reminder & FAQs](#)
- [View Renewal Notice](#)

The format of the QI Website was recently updated, and new Board links were added. BCHS address: <https://www.michigan.gov/bchs>

Highlights of the recent updates to the QI Website for Interpreters and the D/DB/HH community

- New Board links were added.
- Link to Board information was added at top of the page.
- Board meeting information reorganized and condensed.
- Links to Board PowerPoint added.
- Link to previous Board meeting recording.
- Reorganization of applications and information.
- Documents replaced with updated versions.
- Search for Sign Language Interpreters title added prominently.
- [Overview of the QI Website](#)

Our Contact Information

QI Program Staff

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- Katrina Johnson, Human Resources Developer

BCHS Management

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