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To: Sign Language Interpreters

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Wisconsin Interpreting and Transliterating Assessment Completion

Effective March 1, 2019, the Department of Health Services (DHS), Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH), will no longer administer the Wisconsin Interpreting and Transliterating Assessment (WITA) for sign language interpreters. ODHH has determined the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters will serve as the successor to the WITA program.

The final WITA assessments will be held during the week of February 20-22 and 25-26, 2019. Sign language interpreters who wish to take the WITA during this time will need to submit a completed application with an enclosed assessment fee by February 6, 2019. The WITA application and scholarship information can be found on the ODHH website, [WITA page](#).

ODHH is committed to providing transparent communication during this transition. Updates related to the WITA completion and the implementation of the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters in Wisconsin can be found on the [ODHH website](#) as they become available.

A frequently asked questions document related to the WITA program completion and the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters implementation is being developed as more information becomes available. If you have any questions that you would like answered, please send them to dhswebi@dhs.wisconsin.gov, and we will incorporate it into the frequently asked questions document.