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New Mexico Interpreters,

This issue has recently been brought to the Board's attention and we think it is worth posting on the New Mexico Signed Language Interpreting Practices (SLIP) webpage as a warning to all interpreters, Deaf Community Members and companies and agencies that hire interpreters.

Recently, a company was formed that offered to "certify" interpreters. They call themselves **The National Registry of Qualified Professional Interpreter Certifications** (<http://adainterpreter.com>). If an interpreter pays this company a non-refundable fee of approximately \$300.00, submits documentation proving they have interpreted for two years or more, proof of earning at least \$10,000.00 annually, and can provide an endorsement from an employer, their application will be reviewed and a "certification" may be granted.

Please note: This is not **certification** as it is used in the profession of Signed Language Interpreting. This entity is not affiliated with RID (as far as we know). It is NOT the LLC established by RID to conduct the performance and written examinations.

New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department does not recognize this "certification". At this point the Board does not know of any entity that recognizes this new company's credential as professional certification on par with that offered by RID. It does not include testing of knowledge of the field, ethics, or any interpreting skills.

The Board wants the Signed Language Interpreting Community to be aware that The National Registry of Qualified Professional Interpreters has established itself, and is marketing itself as able to certify interpreters. It is, however a very different model of certification, one that does not appear to be based on skills, knowledge, or adherence to a code of professional conduct, and is not recognized in New Mexico.

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