

Oral Interpretation and Written Translation Proficiency Testing and Training Information

All **new** bi-lingual interpreters enrolling to bill Early Intervention must complete the Early Intervention Systems Overview Training, 1 day face to face Interpreter Training, and pass an oral and/or written proficiency examination prior to applying to enroll with the Central Billing Office (CBO).

Existing bi-lingual interpreters who enrolled with the CBO prior to March 1, 2008 must complete the 1 day Interpreter Training as well as pass the oral and/or written proficiency examination before September 1, 2008 in order to continue their enrollment.

Oral proficiency testing is offered at the cost of \$65 per person, per language. Written proficiency testing is offered at the cost of \$65 per person, per language. For providers seeking to take both the total cost will be \$130 dollars. Payment is required in advance at the time of pre-registration for the Interpreter Proficiency Exam. There is no cost for the 1 day face to face Interpreter Training. Training and Testing cannot be completed on the same date.

Please visit the Early Intervention Training website www.illinoiseittraining.org and download the Interpreter Testing/Training Frequently Asks Questions (FAQ) document from the home page to learn more about what you may expect from the testing and training experience. We ask that you take a few moments to review the FAQ document before placing a call to the EI Training Program to register for the Interpreter Proficiency Exam and/or Interpreter Training.

To learn more about when and where the Interpreter Proficiency Exam and Interpreter Trainings will be offered please visit the EI Training website and click on the “Upcoming EI Training Calendar” located on the left hand side of the home page. Online registration is available for the one day face to face Interpreter Training. Interpreter testing for the written and/or oral exams will be scheduled through the Illinois Early Intervention Training program centrally via our toll free phone number 866-509-3867 Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm except holidays.