



Wyoming Judicial Branch

Sign Language Interpreter Payment

I. PAYMENT OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES

A. **Compensation Rate for Sign Language Interpreters.** Sign Language Interpreters should be compensated at the following rate, where possible:

1. Professionally Certified: \$55/hr.
2. Registered: \$40/hr.
3. Qualified: \$25/hr.

The Sign Language Interpreter's certification status and availability in the judicial district and the state may require a higher compensation rate.

B. **Minimum Time Compensation.** Unless otherwise agreed to, Sign Language Interpreters shall be paid a thirty (30) minute minimum. Sign Language Interpreters shall be paid by the hour in thirty (30) minute increments. Time shall be determined by using the next highest thirty (30) minute increment (i.e., 2 hours 4 minutes equals 2 hours 30 minutes). This time shall include any pre-assignment prep time (i.e., remote interpretation) in which the court has requested of the Sign Language Interpreter.

C. **Payment for Travel Time.** At the discretion of the court, a Sign Language Interpreter may be paid the State of Wyoming's allowable mileage reimbursement rates or half the hourly Sign Language Interpreter rate for travel time. In extraordinary circumstances, the Sign Language Interpreter may be paid the full hourly Sign Language Interpreter rate for travel when round-trip travel exceeds one hundred fifty (150) miles.

D. **Overnight Travel.** In the case of trials or hearings exceeding one (1) day duration, Sign Language Interpreters may be compensated for food and lodging at the state rate when round-trip travel of one hundred twenty (120) miles or greater is required to secure the best qualified Sign Language Interpreter. To receive reimbursement for food or lodging expenses, the Sign Language Interpreter must receive written authorization from the court for the expenses. Reimbursement of allowed food and lodging expenses will be made only if itemized receipts are provided and expenses are within the allowable ranges as defined by the State of Wyoming fiscal procedures.

E. **Cancellation Policy.** A Sign Language Interpreter whose assignment is cancelled within seventy-two (72) hours of the assigned start time shall be paid for the scheduled time up to a maximum of sixteen (16) hours as determined by the presiding judge in the cancelled matter. If the assignment is cancelled with more than seventy-two (72) hours' notice, the scheduling court shall not pay a cancellation fee.