

433—2.2(216A) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to:

1. Comply with Iowa Code section 216A.15, subsection 9.
2. Develop a mechanism for establishing the qualifications for Spanish/English interpreters, thus identifying a pool of qualified professional interpreters.
3. Develop a system which improves the quality of interpretation but is still cost-effective for providers, interpreters, and clients.
4. Professionalize interpreters by providing professional standards and a code of ethics.
5. Develop an evaluation system for organizations to assess the language skills of employees and applicants.
6. Develop an interpreter qualification system that is replicable and expandable into other languages.
7. Develop a qualification process that focuses on training the interpreters rather than on a single certification test.
8. Encourage Iowa's interpreters to become nationally certified.