

Interpreter/Translator Request from Providers to an Agency

*i*Care will work with the provider and the Interpreter/Translator Agency to make sure the member's rights are met during their appointment. Providers make their request for an interpreter to *i*Care. For an American Sign Language interpreter the agency needs 5-7 business days prior to the appointment to make arrangements. For other languages, the agency asks for at least 3 business days. If a request can be made at least 14 days in advance to *i*Care, it will helpful.

Provider Role

After a provider determines that an interpreter is needed for an *i*Care member, the following steps are taken:

- 1. Send a request for assistance to the Customer Service Mailbox at callcen@icarehealthplan.org including the following:
 - a. Name of member
 - b. Member ID number
 - c. Date of appointment/Time of appointment/Length of appointment
 - d. Provider name and phone number
 - e. Contact name of person at the provider. Once an interpreter is available for the appointment, the contact person will receive the information from customer service.
- **2.** If an interpreter is not available the provider's office will be notified via phone or e-mail.
- **3.** If there is a cancellation of service, please provide more than a 24 hour notice to *i*Care.

Agency Role

- **4.** *i*Care contacts a contracted agency for an available interpreter.
- **5.** The agency provides the name of the person that will be at the appointment.
- **6.** *i*Care sends the Translator/Intrepreter Payment Form to the agency.
 - a. The interpreter takes the form to the appointment.

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- b. The form must be completed and signed by the interpreter, hospital/clinic staff, and the hospital/clinic staff must print their name before a payment is made.
- c. The agency submits the invoice(s) and the payment form to *i*Care for payment. The address is:

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Attention: Accounts Payable

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