

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 28 SIGNED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**  
**PART 5 CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

**16.28.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board  
[16.28.5.1 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.2 SCOPE:** Any and all individuals licensed under the New Mexico Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act shall abide by the NAD-RID code of professional conduct.  
[16.28.5.2 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act, Section 61-34-1 through 61-34-17.  
[16.28.5.3 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.4 DURATION:** Permanent  
[16.28.5.4 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 21, 2009, unless a later date is cited at the end of this section.  
[16.28.5.5 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 5 is to outline standards in order to preserve integrity and ethical principles of professionals serving the public in the signed language interpreting practices field.  
[16.28.5.6 NMAC - N, 7/21/2009]

**16.28.5.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]  
[Refer to 16.28.1.7 NMAC]

**16.28.5.8 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE:**

**A. NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The licensee shall provide interpreting services with objectivity and with respect for the unique needs and values of an individual; the licensee shall avoid discrimination on the basis of factors that are irrelevant to the provision of interpreting services, including, but not limited to race, creed, sex, age or disability.

**B. CREDENTIALS:** The licensee shall accurately represent their professional qualifications and credentials;

**C. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW:** The licensee shall comply with all laws and regulations concerning the profession.

**D. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:**

(1) Interpreters adhere to standards of confidential communication.

(2) Interpreters possess the professional skills and knowledge required for the specific interpreting situation.

(3) Interpreters conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the specific interpreting situation.

(4) Interpreters demonstrate respect for consumers.

(5) Interpreters demonstrate respect for colleagues, interns, and students of the profession.

(6) Interpreters maintain ethical business practices.

(7) Interpreters engage in professional development.

[16.28.5.8 NMAC - N, 07/21/09; A, 3/27/2021]

**HISTORY OF 16.28.5 NMAC:** [RESERVED]