

Partnering with Your LanguageLine Solutions® Interpreter to Ensure Effective Communication

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STARTING THE SESSION

- Allow the interpreter to start the session by giving you their name and Interpreter ID. Document this information for reference.
- Introduce yourself to the interpreter.
- Brief the interpreter and state the goal of the session and provide any specific instructions.
- Introduce yourself and the interpreter to the limited English proficient, Deaf, or Hard-of-Hearing individual.

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DURING THE SESSION

- Address the limited English proficient, Deaf, or Hard-of-Hearing individual, not the interpreter. The interpreter will be your voice. Keep in mind that everything stated will be interpreted.
- State information in short, concise sentences. When stating complicated or detailed information, speak at a slow pace and pause often. This allows the interpreter to note, retain, and relay the information. The interpreter may sometimes ask for repetitions or clarification.
- Avoid technical jargon and try to explain specialized terms or concepts.
- Avoid interrupting the interpreter or talking at the same time.
- Do not ask interpreters for their opinion.

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ENDING THE SESSION

- Ask the limited English proficient, Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing individual if they understood, or if they have any questions or concerns.
- Allow the interpreter to interpret everything before ending the session.

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