

I do not feel that CAs (VIs) need to be nationally certified. There are multiple testing systems that are available for sign language interpreters to take and receive certification. This would make a negative impact on both the interpreting and deaf communities in a number of ways. There are several very skilled interpreters who are not yet certified. The national certification is now requiring a Bachelor's degree to take the test. It can take years for these interpreters to get certified, but yet they are extremely capable of providing interpreting services. There is such a huge need for interpreters and I think the VRS companies are very capable in determining whether somebody is qualified or not. I say let the VRS companies decide on who is or is not qualified, NOT certification.