

The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) should not be permitted to mandate how the Video Relay Service (VRS) providers do business. There are many qualified interpreters who, for a variety of reasons, are not RID certified. It is the responsibility of the VRS providers to ensure that the American Sign Language interpreters they hire are qualified to do the job. And, to my knowledge, the VRS providers do everything possible to hire highly qualified interpreters. Do not block qualified interpreters from earning their livelihood through VRS interpreting simply because they choose to not affiliate with RID.