

As a certified interpreter and an adult child of Deaf parents, while I respect the work and voice that RID gives interpreters across the nation, it is not the only voice. I work with interpreters who hold RID certification as well as state certification in the VRS setting and we all take what we do seriously-- which is to provide qualified, top quality video relay interpreting services to the deaf community. To require interpreters to become RID certified who rely on video relay interpreting employment to support our families, would cause us to incur additional financial burden with the time and cost it requires to become RID certified. This would result in the VRS community losing some very good interpreters and who would be impacted the most would be the deaf community, who rely on VRS for equal access to communication to their family members, physicians, friends, and various businesses.