



Louisiana

Type*	Provision(s)	Description
MEN, RGT	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 28:52(F), 28:53(l), 28:55(F)	Mental health patients admitted voluntarily or on an emergency basis must be informed of rights and responsibilities; appropriate provisions should be made to supply information to LEP persons.
MEN	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28:454.9(B)	Every person involuntarily committed into any residential living option for people with developmental disabilities other than his home, shall be informed in writing at the time of admission of certain information. If the person is illiterate or does not read or understand English, appropriate provisions should be made to provide him with this information.
MEN	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28:822(4)	For the Community and Family Support System for people with developmental disabilities, "communication services" means those necessary supports and services for a person with a disability to communicate, including interpreters.
PUB	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:31.22(C)	Persons admitted to a facility for treatment of active tuberculosis shall be informed of rights and responsibilities; appropriate provisions should be made to supply information to LEP persons.
STA	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:1299.35.6(B)(2)(a), (4)	Specified oral information and written materials about abortion and abortion alternatives must be provided to the patient at least 24 hours before the procedure is performed. If an interpreter is necessary to explain this information, the State of Louisiana shall bear the costs.
XXX	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:1299.73 (A)	Any person who is unable to communicate effectively in the English language, is authorized and encouraged to wear an identifying device.
CON	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:1299.131 (C)	For consent to dental treatment, where written consent is employed it shall also be conclusively presumed that the patient, or his representative, is able to communicate effectively in spoken or written English or in any other language in which the consent form is written and that the patient, or his representative, has understood the information disclosed in the written consent.
HIV	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 40:2018.2(D)(3)	In making grants for community-based AIDS prevention programs, the Department of Health and Hospitals will give priority to (among others) racial and ethnic minorities who are engaged in high risk behaviors, including persons whose primary language is not English.
AGY, WOM	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 46:447.2 (E)(1)	The Department of Health shall develop and implement a program for staff of prenatal service providers to improve cultural sensitivity and interpersonal skills, including training in providing assistance to women with low literacy skills or for whom English is a second language.
MEN, CHI	La. Ch.C. Art. 1430(A)-(B), 1450(A)-(B)	For commitment or voluntary admission of minors for mental health treatment, every minor patient admitted by emergency certificate shall be informed in writing of certain information at the time of his admission. If the minor is illiterate or does not read or understand English, appropriate provisions should be made to supply him this information.
OAA	La. Admin. Code art. 4:VII.112, 4:VII.1179(2), 4:VII.1305(A)(2)(C)	For elderly programs, "greatest social need" means -the need caused by non-economic factors, which including language barriers; and cultural, social, or geographical isolation, including isolation caused by racial or ethnic status, that restricts the ability of an individual to perform normal daily tasks or threatens the capacity of the individual to live independently.
OAA	La. Admin. Code art. 4:VII.1125(15)	Where there are multi-lingual/cultural older persons in a planning and service area, the Area Agency on Aging shall assure that the staff of subcontractors includes multi-lingual/cultural personnel.

* Codes are available at the end of the document.

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OAA	La. Admin. Code art. 4:VII.1227(G)	In areas in which a significant number of older persons do not speak English as their principal language, service providers shall provide information and assistance services in the language spoken by the older persons.
PWD	La. Admin. Code art. 67:VII.1515(E)(4)	For independent living services, a copy of the Independent Living Plan shall be provided to the individual or, as appropriate, the individual's representative, in writing; and if appropriate, in the native language or mode of communication of the individual.

Using the State Charts

The Charts present information for each state along three columns. The first column provides a three-letter code that signifies the subject matter of the law being cited. The second column gives the citation to the provision, and the last column offers a brief summary of the provision. The first column coding is as follows:

Code Subject Matter

AGY	Government agency requirements (excluding hearings/legal proceedings)
CHC	Community health centers
CHI	Children's health (excluding EPSDT and early intervention)
CON	Consent (e.g. informed consent)
CRD	Credentialing or profiles for health professionals (e.g. nurses' aides testing)
EIS	Early Intervention Services for children and newborn screening
EPS	Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services
FAM	Use of family members, friends, children as interpreters
HEA	Hearings/legal proceedings
HHC	Home health agencies, personal care services, and adult day health centers (not related to mental illness/developmental disabilities)
HIV	HIV/AIDS
HOS	Hospitals
INS	Insurance carriers (may include health maintenance organizations)
INT	Interpreter standards/certification/qualifications
LTC	Long-term care, including nursing homes, assisted living (not related to mental illness/developmental disabilities)
MED	Medicaid

Code Subject Matter

MEN	Services for people with mental health issues or developmental disabilities, including behavioral health services, habilitation services and Independent Living services (not facilities)
MCE	Medicare
MCO	Managed care organization/Prepaid in-patient/ambulatory health plan
MFA	Facilities for mental illness, ICF/MRs, and other facilities for the provision of psychiatric or mental health services
OAA	Services for the elderly or services under the Older Americans Act
PAY	Reimbursement/payments
PRO	Health professions standards/requirements
PUB	Public health
PWD	People with disabilities
RGT	Patient/client rights
STA	Sterilization/abortion
TRA	Translation
UNI	Universal
WOM	Services related to women's health but not abortion/sterilization
XXX	Other