



## Virginia

Type*	Provision(s)	Description
AGY, TRA	Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-76(D)	Department of Health shall publish in English and in each language that is the primary language of 2 percent of more of the population of the state and display at every local health department information about adoption alternatives, description of fetal development at two-week increments, and risks of abortion.
MFA	Va. Code Ann. §§ 37.2-802(B), 37.2-804(B), 37.2-1002(B)(9)	In any mental health, mental retardation, or substance abuse services proceeding pursuant for admissions and dispositions, emergency custody and voluntary or involuntary civil admissions in which a non-English-speaking person is alleged to have mental retardation or mental illness or is a witness in such proceeding, an interpreter for the person shall be appointed by the district court judge or special justice, or a magistrate, before whom the proceeding is pending. Failure to appoint an interpreter when an interpreter is not reasonably available or when the person's level of English fluency cannot be determined shall not be a basis to dismiss the petition or void the order entered at the proceeding. The compensation for the interpreter shall be fixed by the court in accordance with the guidelines set by the Judicial Council of Virginia and shall be paid out of the state treasury. Petition for the appointment of a guardian, a conservator, or both, shall to the extent known as of the date of filing, include the native language of the respondent and any necessary alternative mode of communication.
PUB, CHI	12 Va. Admin. Code § 30-10-50(A)(3)	With respect to any population of vaccine-eligible children a substantial portion of whose parents are LEP, the state will identify program-registered providers who are able to communicate with vaccine-eligible population in the appropriate language and cultural context.
XXX	12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-20-80(A)(6)-(7), 22 Va. Admin. Code § 40-890-70(B)(6)	No human research shall be conducted or authorized by the institution or agency unless a research review committee has reviewed and approved the proposed human research project giving consideration to whether the voluntary informed consent is to be obtained by methods that are adequate and appropriate to the individual's language of greatest fluency and whether the written consent form is adequate and appropriate in both content and wording for the particular research and for the particular participants of the research relative to their language of greatest fluency.
INS	12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-408-260	The Managed Care Health Insurance Plan licensee shall incorporate strategies into its access procedures to facilitate utilization of health care services by covered persons with language or cultural barriers.
MED, TRA	12 Va. Admin. Code § 30-50-210(A)7.c.(2)	The preferred drug list through the Medicaid fee-for-service program shall include computer and website access to multilingual material.
MED, LTC	12 Va. Admin. Code § 30-130-200	Evaluations performed under Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR) and PASARR notices must be adapted to the cultural background, language, ethnic origin, and means of communication used by the individual being evaluated.
MEN	12 Va. Admin. Code § 35-105-660(C)(4)	Individualized services plan (ISP) for mental health services shall include a communication plan for individuals with communication barriers, including language barriers.
CRD	18 Va. Admin. Code § 60-20-260(A)(10)	Profile of information for oral and maxillofacial surgeons shall include whether there is access to translating services for non-English speaking patients at the primary practice setting and which, if any, foreign languages are spoken in the practice.
CRD	18 Va. Admin. Code § 85-20-280(A)(9)	Profile of information for doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry shall include whether there is access to translating services for non-English speaking patients at the primary and secondary practice settings and which, if any, foreign languages are spoken in the practice.

\* Codes are available at the end of the document.

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PWD	22 Va. Admin. Code § 5-20-20	Department of the Aging definition of "greatest social need" means the need caused by non-economic factors which include language barriers and cultural isolation, including that caused by racial or ethnic status, which restricts an individual's ability to perform normal daily tasks or which threatens such individual's capacity to live independently.
PWD	22 Va. Admin. Code § 30-30-80(B)(5)	Independent Living Services Program funds may be used to provide interpreter services.
PWD	22 Va. Admin. Code § 30-30-120(A)(4)	Independent Living Services Programs must ensure that persons who are unable to communicate in English or who rely on alternative modes of communication must be provided an explanation of service provider policies and procedures affecting personal information through methods that can be adequately understood by them.
PWD	22 Va. Admin. Code § 30-30-160(D)	Centers for independent living (CIL), to the maximum extent feasible, must make available personnel able to communicate in the native languages of individuals with significant disabilities whose English proficiency is limited.

# 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