



Wisconsin

Type*	Provision(s)	Description
AGY, OAA	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 46.82(3)(a)(7)	The Department of Social Services shall work to ensure that programs and services for older individuals are available to non-English speaking persons, and to racial and ethnic minorities.
AGY, PUB	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 250.042(3)(b)	The Department of Health, when acting as the public health authority during a state of emergency related to public health, shall provide information specified by all available and reasonable means calculated to inform the general public, including reasonable efforts to provide the information in the primary languages of individuals who do not understand English.
STA, TRA	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 253.10(3)(d)	Written information about abortion alternatives and fetal development must be provided to patients in English, Spanish and languages spoken by a significant number of state residents.
INS	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 609.22(8)	If a significant number of enrollees of the defined network plan customarily use languages other than English, the plan shall provide access to translation services fluent in those languages to the greatest extent possible.
AGY, MEN	Wis. Admin. Code HFS § 36.07(5)(h)	The Department of Health and Family Services shall ensure that a consumer's cultural heritage and primary language are considered as primary factors when developing the comprehensive community services for persons with mental disorders comprehensive plan and that activities and services are accessible in a language in which the consumer is fluent.
EIS	Wis. Admin. Code HFS § 90.08(7)(d)(1)	Early intervention diagnostic testing for children from birth to age three shall be administered or provided in the child's or family's primary language or other mode of communication. When this is clearly not possible, the circumstances preventing it shall be documented in the child's early intervention record.
EIS	Wis. Admin. Code HFS § 90.10(7)(b)(3)	To ensure that parents fully understand and are active participants in the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process for early intervention from birth to age three for children with developmental disabilities, all meetings shall be conducted with someone who can interpret if the family's native language is different from the language, unless this is not feasible.
EIS	Wis. Admin. Code HFS § 90.12(1)(c)	Written notice provided to parents of children from birth to age three with developmental disabilities shall be provided in the language normally used by the parent unless this is clearly not feasible. If the parent's proficiency in English is limited or if the language or other mode of communication normally used by the parent is not written, the county agency or service provider shall take steps to ensure that the notice is translated orally or by other means into the language the parent normally uses or other mode of communication.
MED	Wis. Admin. Code HFS § 102.01(4)	In administering state Medicaid program, agencies that serve substantial non-English speaking or limited-English speaking populations must take whatever steps are necessary to communicate with them in their primary language.
MED, STA, CON	Wis. Admin. Code, HFS § 107.06(3)(d)(3)	For Medicaid payment, if the individual to be sterilized does not understand the language used on the consent form or the language used by the person obtaining consent, an interpreter shall be provided.
CRD	Wis. Admin. Code, HFS § 129.08 (2)(b)(2)	Written and oral examinations competency evaluations shall be given in English, except that if a nurse's assistant, home health aide or hospice aide will be working in a provider setting in which the predominant language is other than English, the examination for that person may be given in the predominant language used in the facility.
INS	Wis. Admin. Code Ins. § 9.21(e)(4)	Defined network plans, preferred provider plans and limited service health organizations shall provide access to translation services for the purpose of providing information concerning benefits, to the greatest extent possible, if a significant number of enrollees of the plan customarily use languages other than English.

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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