Enhanced Communication Rate Request Form
(Signing Staff)

Provider Agency Information

Name of Provider Agency	
MPI	
Service Location Code	
Service *(one per form)*	
Procedure Code with Modifiers *(matching the service)*	
Provider Contact Person	**Name:**
	Email:

Attach a policy or plan that shows the provider agency's efforts to continue advancing sign language skills to ensure access to communication and effectively support d/Deaf individuals.	Attached ☐

Individual's Information

Individual's Name *(one person per form)*	
MCI	
County of Registration	
Waiver	☐ Consolidated ☐ Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) ☐ Community Living
Individual's Supports Coordinator	**Name:**
	Email:

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Individual's Primary Mode of Communication, check one:			
☐ American Sign Language (ASL)	☐ Mixture ASL & Signed English	☐ Modified Sign Language	☐ None Identified
☐ PECS	☐ Picture Board	☐ Sign Exact English	☐ Sign Language
☐ Sign Language from Other Countries	☐ Tactile Sign	☐ Verbal	☐ Visual Gestural Communication
☐ Vocal Output Device	☐ Other		
Please provide a detailed description of how communication access is provided to this individual in addition to using sign language.			
Requested Start Date for the Enhanced Rate			

For Signing Staff Completion:

Name:	
Email:	
Hearing Status	☐D/deaf ☐Hard of Hearing ☐DeafBlind ☐CODA (Child of a Deaf Adult) ☐Hearing ☐Prefer not to answer
Signing Staff should complete the following questions:	
Which is true about American Sign Language?	☐It is a signed version of English. ☐It is a form of gesturing with no specific grammar rules. ☐It uses facial expression, eye gaze, and mouth movements as grammar. ☐It is effective for anyone who has a hearing loss. ☐It is easy to learn.

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Direct support professionals should consider Deaf Culture when:	☐ Planning schedules (saying hello and goodbye can take more time than expected) ☐ Communicating with an individual (getting attention first is important) ☐ Asking an individual for their opinion (a trusting relationship is important for an individual to be able to express opinions) ☐ Seeing someone nod their head (sometimes it does not mean "yes") ☐ All of the above
Which statement is true about communication?	☐ Hearing aids make sounds louder not clearer. ☐ Writing back and forth is always just as understandable as speaking to someone. ☐ Lip reading (or speech reading) is just as understandable as hearing spoken English. ☐ All individuals with hearing loss can use hearing aids or Cochlear Implants. ☐ All of the above
How an individual communicates can vary widely, so support staff should:	☐ Expect the individual to adapt their communication style to what staff know ☐ Have many tools available to communicate in various ways with each individual ☐ Use ASL with everyone ☐ Expect the individual to read their lips ☐ Both have many tools and expect the individual to read their lips

When a Deaf individual with autism does not make eye contact, they still may be paying attention to you.	☐ True ☐ False
Special skills and training are needed to support Deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind individuals.	☐ True ☐ False
Visual environments allow for an individual to feel less isolated.	☐ True ☐ False
Sharing everyday environmental information with a Deaf individual is very important.	☐ True ☐ False
It is important for support staff to communicate, teach, and support.	☐ True ☐ False
List three ways to make an environment more visual.	

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Signing Skill Evaluation

Please answer the following questions below in the mode of communication you use with the individual you support (American Sign Language, Signed Exact English, Visual Gestural Communication, or another sign-supported mode of communication).

See next page for guidelines for recording.

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Instead of completing the signing video, I will provide Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) results showing Intermediate Plus or better.	☐Attached ☐Do not have SLPI results, will submit video

Be sure to read over the following questions and think about your answers before you begin filming.

1. Please provide the following information from your ECR Application:
   a. Your first and last name
   b. The name of your agency
   c. The first and last name of the consumer you support
   d. The consumer's MCI number
2. Describe your most recent meal. At minimum, include the following details:
   a. What did you eat?
   b. What time did you eat?
   c. Where did you eat?
   d. Who did you eat with?
   e. Did you like your meal? Why or why not?
3. Describe the layout of your home. Include the location of the rooms and the furniture in the room. Be specific and as visual as possible.
4. Tell a story about the time you made a mistake. Be sure to use expressions to convey how you felt throughout the experience.
5. Describe your favorite vacation or outing. At minimum, include the following details:
   a. Where did you go?
   b. When did you go?
   c. Who did you go with?
   d. What did you do?
   e. Why did you like it?

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Guidelines for recording

For consideration, you must comply with the following guidelines for recording your videos. Videos that do not comply with the guidelines may be rejected and you will have to resubmit a video with the indicated directions.

1) Your signing space always needs to be visible. Your signing space is the area as shown in the highlighted space below. Your face, torso, arms, and hands must be visible:
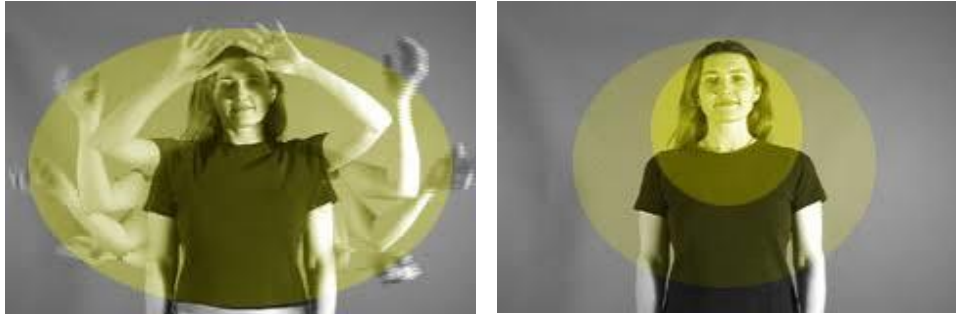
2) Film the video so that you are eye-level with the camera. This will help ensure that you are able to film your signing space clearly for the entire video.
   - To know if you are eye level, you should not have to look up or down at your computer or smart phone to see yourself while filming.

3) If you are filming on a smart phone, please do not switch from vertical to horizontal or vice versa during the video. Vertical shots are preferred but this is not required.

4) The background should be a wall with minimal clutter in the background. Be sure that the color of the wall contrasts with your skin color (a white wall for darker skin, a sark wall for lighter skin).

5) Please film in a space with clear and consistent lighting. Do not film outside, in front of a window, behind a window, or with lighting directly behind you. Overhead lighting is preferred.

6) Check that your video quality is clear before and after uploading it. Files saved as .vid or.mp4 are preferred. You may submit as an attached file or an unlisted YouTube link.