**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

**CHAPTER 28 SIGNED LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**

**PART 5 CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

**16.28.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board

[16.28.5.1 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.2 SCOPE:** Any and all individuals licensed under the New Mexico Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act shall abide by the NAD-RID code of professional conduct.

[16.28.5.2 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Signed Language Interpreting Practices Act, Section 61-34-1 through 61-34-17.

[16.28.5.3 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.4 DURATION:** Permanent

[16.28.5.4 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 21, 2009, unless a later date is cited at the end of this section.

[16.28.5.5 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 5 is to outline standards in order to preserve integrity and ethical principles of professionals serving the public in the signed language interpreting practices field.

[16.28.5.6 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**16.28.5.7 DEFINITIONS:** [Reserved]

[Refer to 16.28.1.7 NMAC]

**16.28.5.8 STANDARDS OF PRACTICE:**

**A.** NON-DISCRIMINATION: The licensee shall provide interpreting services with objectivity and with respect for the unique needs and values of an individual; the licensee shall avoid discrimination on the basis of factors that are irrelevant to the provision of interpreting services, including, but not limited to race, creed, sex, age or disability.

**B.** CREDENTIALS: The licensee shall accurately represent [~~his~~] their professional qualifications and credentials;

**C.** COMPLIANCE WITH LAW: The licensee shall comply with all laws and regulations concerning the profession.

**D.** PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

**(1)** Interpreters adhere to standards of confidential communication.

**(2)** Interpreters possess the professional skills and knowledge required for the specific interpreting situation.

**(3)** Interpreters conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the specific interpreting situation.

**(4)** Interpreters demonstrate respect for consumers.

**(5)** Interpreters demonstrate respect for colleagues, interns, and students of the profession.

**(6)** Interpreters maintain ethical business practices.

**(7)** Interpreters engage in professional development.

[16.28.5.8 NMAC - N, 07/21/09]

**HISTORY OF 16.28.5 NMAC: [RESERVED]**