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07/23/19 Public Hearing re: 1 CCR 104-3, Rule 21. Interpreters

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Good afternoon Doug:

I'd like to thank the Executive Director of the Department of DPA for holding the proceedings to address the need of interpreters in court rooms to aid non-English speaking injured workers during a critical moment in an injured worker's claim.

It would be helpful if Rule 21(A) would clarify when a party may request OAC provide an interpreter? To avoid late requests and continuances of hearings due to lack of interpreting services, I suggest modification of the Application for Hearing to reflect a place where the filing party may request an interpreter with specified language. Then when the Notice of Hearing is issued, OAC acknowledges the request of an interpreter. Further, confirmation of interpreting services needed may be noted in the CIS forms to assure OAC Clerks have an interpreter lined up for hearing.

Again thank you for your time and consideration to these changes which will hopefully help an underserved community.

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