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Summary of Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Advisory Board for Interpreters Between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, and Oral Deaf

The following revisions to the Rules for the Advisory Board for Interpreters are proposed:

- To add the phrase hereinafter referred to as “Interpreter” to the definitions of Licensed Provisional Interpreter and Licensed Qualified Interpreter and to delete any reference to Licensed Qualified Interpreter when the Rule is actually referring to both types of Interpreters.
- To clarify the requirements for Initial Licensure and Renewal Applications.
- To add a section on “teaming” to the Summary of Credentials. This section allows for a less qualified Interpreter to work with a more qualified Interpreter to build his or her skill level.
- To move around some of the settings in the Proficiency Levels based on recommendations from an *ad hoc* committee comprised of an Advisory Board member and some members of the Interpreting Community. The *ad hoc* committee decided to continue to meet for the remainder of the calendar year to continue to improve upon the proficiency level requirements.
- To allow a Board Member to file a complaint based on information received verbally or anonymously. The Board Member would have to recuse from the hearing on the matter and other evidence would have to substantiate the complaint.
- To add a credentialing category that allows the Board to approve credentials other than those enumerated. This is allowed by Statute and has already been done by the Advisory Board.