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- In the last four months, we have identified about 15 either Qualified or Certified interpreters who have discontinued contract work, due to economic issues, in favor of full-time employment—making them unavailable for Workers' Comp appointments.
- On-site-specific impact:
 - Five interpreters will no longer be available for on-site interpreting due to pandemic
 - Three interpreters now stay at home due to child educational needs arising from pandemic, greatly limiting availability for interpreting.
- Keeping in mind that maximum pay rate for certified interpreters is \$70.00 / one hr. and non-certified interpreters \$60.00 / one hr. (most languages other than Spanish cannot be certified in Oregon), here are examples of the current economic reality we are facing:
 - A non-Spanish interpreter required \$70.00 / hr., minimum 2 hrs. + mileage.
 - A certified Spanish interpreter required \$48.00 / hr., minimum 2 hrs.
 - A qualified non-Spanish interpreter required \$50.00 / hr., minimum 2 hrs.
 - A certified Spanish interpreter required \$50.00 / hr., minimum 2 hrs.
 - A qualified non-Spanish interpreter required \$50.00 / hr.
 - A certified non-Spanish interpreter required \$40.00 / hr., minimum 2 hrs.