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one more thing interpreters who just finish college as interpreters and have two or five years to get certified should never be renewed or extended. They know they have to be certified in the state of PA therefore do not extend the time limit to get certified.

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1. I strongly recommend raising the 3.5 to 4.0 to pass eipa test.
2. they should already have college degree. - reason they have to have some educational knowledge in order to interpret properly otherwise they will only use English word sign according to its sound instead of the meaning of the word. We all know that one English word can have different meanings. Many so-called interpreter they took only three courses of sign language classes in Community college or continued education tend to sign the English word according to the sound rather than the meaning which is very dangerous for deaf children and they is why they are not learning proper English writing and reading skills.
3. pass EIPA based on the grade the interpreter is interpreting for is not the common practice in state of PA. in most rural areas they have only one or two interpreter and they tend to follow the child from elementary to high school. Especially in Berwick and danville. Check Meyers High school they have graduated many illerate deaf students and they are mostly on SSI or welfare. It is not necessary but they pass just to let them graduate. a very sad situation because no one follows them after they graduate. The board of Education graduate many deaf students knowing they they do not have reading skills and they do not take the time to look for solutions to improve deaf students ready ability. It is damn shame and a crime to let them graduate and now with "No Child Left Behind Law" What are the board of Education going to do? Are they going to ship them to school for the deaf and blame it on the school for the deaf for failure while it is really the public (hearing) school that failed deaf students.

so please for the sake of Deaf children please raise the bar to 4.0 that means they can follow the child and have college education too or be required to take methods of teaching courses so that the interpreters can clearly sign appropraitely. I know yhou have no clue what i am talking about because you are not deaf. I am deaf and i learned to understand what i was reading at the age of 19 and now i am former professor at a university and have Masters. The school system failed me (hearing schools). Apparently i am a gifted Deaf person who continue to learn while average deaf students cannot achieve that level due to the failures of the education and skilled interpreters.

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