# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual C-300: Communication Services

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## C-305: Interpreter Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Customers

An interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing customers conveys messages between individuals without contributing additional content to the dialogue. TWC Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) uses Interpreter services to facilitate communication with customers during the rehabilitation process.

Interpreter services are provided by qualified interpreters and include:

* sign language and oral interpretation for customers who are deaf or hard of hearing; and
* tactile interpretation for customers who are deafblind.

### C-305-1: Legal Authorization

When developing an individualized plan for employment, the designated state unit must provide all required information in the native language or mode of communication of the individual or the individual's representative. Refer to 34 CFR §361.45(c).

Appropriate modes of communication are defined in 34 CFR §361.5(4) as "specialized aids and supports that enable an individual with a disability to comprehend and respond to information that is being communicated. Appropriate modes of communication include, but are not limited to, the use of interpreters, open and closed-captioned videos, specialized telecommunications services and audio recordings, Braille and large print materials, materials in electronic formats, augmentative communication devices, graphic presentations, and simple language materials."

### C-305-2: Maintaining Customer Confidentiality

VR staff informs the interpreter and customer that information provided is maintained in confidence. For more information, refer to VRSM A-205: Confidentiality and Use of Customer Records and Information.

### C-305-3: Using Certified Interpreters

VR must use certified interpreters whenever possible.

The Board for Evaluation of Interpreter (BEI) Registry must be used to find a certified interpreter. The registry might include certified interpreters that do not have a contract with VR.

A certified interpreter holds at least one of the following certificates of competency from one of the following organizations:

* The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID):
  + Interpretation Certificate (IC)
  + Transliteration Certificate (TC)
  + Reverse Skills Certificate (RSC)
  + Comprehensive Skills Certificate (CSC)
  + Master Comprehensive Skills Certificate (MCSC)
  + Specialist Certificate—Legal
  + National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Advanced
  + National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Master
  + Certificate of Interpretation (CI)
  + Certificate of Transliteration (CT)
  + Oral Interpreting Certificate: Spoken to Visible (OIC:S/V)
  + Oral Interpreting Certificate: Visible to Spoke (OIC: V/S)
  + Conditional Legal Interpreting Permit—Relay (CLIP-R)
  + Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI)
* National Association of the Deaf (NAD):
  + NAD III (Generalist)
  + NAD IV (Advanced)
  + NAD V (Master)
* BEI, under Texas Health and Human Services Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS):
  + Level I Certificate
  + Level II Certificate
  + Level III Certificate
  + Level III Intermediary Certificate
  + Level IV Certificate
  + Level IV Intermediary Certificate
  + Level V Certificate
  + Level V Intermediary Certificate
  + Basic Certificate
  + Advanced Certificate
  + Master Certificate
  + Court Interpreter Certificate
  + Oral Certificate
  + Trilingual Advanced Certificate
  + Trilingual Master Certificate
  + Morphemic Sign System (MSS) Certificate
  + Signing Exact English (SEE) Certificate
  + Medical Interpreter Certificate

If an interpreter is needed, but is not available, a VR staff member who is fluent in sign language may facilitate communication by meeting in the VR office or in a similar setting with VR staff and the customer or other individuals who are deaf. While a valid credential is preferred, VR staff members who are fluent in sign language do not have to be certified or credentialed to communicate with customers as long as they are not acting as an interpreter.

A VR staff member is prohibited from serving as an interpreter during an appeals process. See A-200: Customer Rights and Legal Issues.

VR staff members who are fluent in sign language and hold a valid credential must not provide interpreting services to communicate with a TWC customer outside of the office, except as a last resort and after VR Manager approval is obtained.

Additional information on certification levels and recommended settings is available at [Situations and Recommended Interpreter Certification Levels](https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/assistive-services-providers/board-evaluation-interpreters-certification-program/how-select-right-sign-language-interpreter) on the ODHHS website.

### C-305-4: Noncertified Interpreters

A noncertified interpreter is an individual who lacks certification but can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using all necessary specialized vocabulary. A noncertified interpreter can be a hearing interpreter or a deaf interpreter.

When a certified interpreter is not available, VR staff may use a noncertified interpreter who is otherwise competent to interpret.

A noncertified interpreter may be used with the customer's written consent. The customer must provide a written statement that includes the customer's signature, date of signature, and brief statement that he or she understands and agrees to using a noncertified interpreter. The written statement is filed in the customer's paper case file.

A noncertified interpreter may not be used in the following settings:

* Medical
* Legal
* Psychiatric

### C-305-5: Purchasing Interpreter Services

Ordinarily, payment for Interpreter services must not exceed the cost listed on the HHS Communication Services for State Agencies (CSSA) fee schedule. Contracted interpreters must be used when they are available. Only when a contracted interpreter is not available may a non-contracted interpreter be used.

Note: The use of non-contracted interpreters must comply with D-205: Purchasing Threshold Requirements. Every effort must be made to deliver services at the regular (Day) rates.

When vocational services are needed at night or on a weekend, the VR counselor must negotiate for the lowest rate.

Note: A separate service category for Pre-ETS Interpreter and CART services must be used when purchasing these services for Pre-ETS. For more information, refer to Pre-ETS Desk Reference Part 2: Pre-ETS Purchasing Guidance and Menu of Services.

For specific policies for interpreters, refer to VR-SFP Chapter 24: Communication Access Services.

### C-305-6: Purchasing Interpreter Services from Colleges and Universities

Unless noted in the terms of the contract, fees in the HHS-CSSA fee schedule do not apply to contracted institutions. VR shares contracts with several colleges and universities to offset part of the cost for interpreter services. Rates are determined by the contract.

Payments made to colleges and universities that are not under a VR contract must comply with the established HHS-CSSA fee schedule.

### C-305-7: Paying an Out-of-State Provider

When an out-of-state provider performs Interpreter services:

* in Texas, the established fees apply; or
* outside of Texas, the maximum allowable fee is the highest in-state fee for the applicable certification level.

### C-305-8: Procedures for Purchasing Interpreter Services

The rate for Interpreter services depends on the:

* HHS region in which the service is provided;
* interpreter's certification level; and
* day and time when the service is required (day, evening, weekend, or holiday)See HHS CSSA Maximum Rates.

Purchases of services from interpreters with Court Reporter Certification Levels A–C must be justified by VR field staff and reviewed by the DHHS program specialist before a service authorization for these specialty levels of interpreting may be issued.

VR purchases Interpreter services according to the following procedures:

* The customer and VR counselor agree on:
  + the type of interpreter (oral or sign language);
  + the certification level needed (for appropriate certification levels, see Situations and Recommended Interpreter Certification Levels—Settings); and
  + the customer's preferred provider, if appropriate.
* .The customer selects the provider from among those available.
* VR staff contacts the contracted interpreter service provider or the non-contracted interpreter service provider to request services and indicates:
  + the certification level needed;
  + the date, time, and location; and
  + how the provider's quoted fee compares to the maximum allowable fee, negotiating with the service provider when necessary.
* The service provider provides the name and certification level of the assigned interpreter.
* VR staff informs the customer about the assigned interpreter.
* VR staff obtains agreement from the customer that the customer will attend the appointment. The customer agrees to notify VR staff at least 48 hours before the appointment if he or she will not be able to attend the appointment. VR staff documents the agreement in a case note in RHW.
* VR staff issues a service authorization for the approved services that contains the following information:
  + A line item for the administration fee using the specifications for the level of interpreting being requested
  + A line item for each hour using the number of hours as the quantity (no lump sum amounts) for each day of services being requested
  + The location where the service is to be provided
  + A line item for reimbursement of travel costs (for contracted providers only)
* VR staff:
  + receives the provider's invoice;
  + retains receipts for travel costs (for contracted providers only); and
  + verifies the amount charged against the maximum allowable fee in the HHS Communication Access Maximum Rates.
* VR staff authorizes payment for the services in RHW.

VR pays cancellation fees to interpreters when services are cancelled less than 48 hours before the time of the scheduled service, including cancellation upon arrival (formerly referred to as “no-show”). When a cancellation fee is applicable, the original service authorization is revised using the Maximum Affordable Payment Schedule (MAPS) code for cancellation fees rather than the MAPS code for the Interpreter services. For more information about processing payments for cancellation upon arrival, refer to D-204-7: Cancellation Upon Arrival.

#### Creating a Service Record

VR staff must create a service record with the following MAPS codes for Interpreter services:

#### MAPS Codes for Interpreter and CART Services

* Contracted Interpreter Services – CAINTCR
* Non-Contracted Interpreter Services – CAINTNC
* Contracted Interpreter Services Cancellation Fee – INTCRCNL
* Non-Contracted Interpreter Services Cancellation Fee – INTNCCNL

#### Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services - Interpreters CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services - HHSC Region ## - CONTRACT REQUIRED (choose appropriate region)
* Level 4 Communication Access Services - HHSC Region ## - (Choose certification level or noncertified)

#### Cancellation for Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – Interpreters CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – HHSC Region ## - CONTRACT REQUIRED (choose appropriate region)
* Level 4 Cancellation Fee (Choose certification level or noncertified)

#### Travel-Related Services for Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – Interpreters CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – Interpreters – Administration Fees, Travel Time, Lodging, Per Diem [CONTRACT REQUIRED]
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – Interpreters [CONTRACT REQUIRED] (Choose appropriate line item for administration fees, travel time; lodging, per diem separate line item for each)

#### Non-Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – Interpreter – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services - HHSC Region ## - NON-CONTRACT ONLY (choose appropriate region)
* Level 4 Communication Access Services - HHSC Region ## - (Choose certification level or noncertified)

#### Cancellation for Non-Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – Interpreters NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – HHSC Region ## - NON-CONTRACT ONLY (choose appropriate region)
* Level 4 Cancellation Fee (Choose certification level or noncertified)

#### Travel-Related Services for Non-Contracted Interpreter Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – Interpreters NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – Interpreters – Administration Fees, Travel Time, Lodging, Per Diem [NON-CONTRACT ONLY]
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – Interpreters [NON-CONTRACT ONLY] (Choose appropriate line item for administration fees, travel time; lodging, per diem separate line item for each)

#### Contracted Interpreter Services for Colleges and Universities:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities (CONTRACT REQUIRED)
* Level 3 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities (CONTRACT REQUIRED))
* Level 4 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities—Contract (Enter rate specified by the contract.)

#### Non-Contracted Interpreter Services for Colleges and Universities:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities—Non-Contract (NO CONTRACT REQUIRED)
* Level 3 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities—Non-Contract
* Level 4 Interpreter Services by Colleges and Universities (Choose the first hour and certification level or noncertified)

For information about Pre-ETS Interpreter Services, refer to the Pre-ETS Desk Reference Part 2: Pre-ETS Purchasing Guidance and Menu of Services.

### C-305-9: Fee Schedule for Interpreter Services

Rates for Interpreter services are based on several factors. Rates for Interpreter services are shown in the HHS-CCSA Maximum Rates. Below are the definitions to determine what rates apply:

#### Rate categories for Interpreter services:

* Day: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays (Monday through Friday)
* Evening: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., weekdays (Monday through Friday)
* Weekend: 5:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Monday
* Last-Minute: Service requests made less than 48 hours (two business days) in advance

#### Interpreter Certification Levels:

* Level A: BEI Level I\Ii, II\Iii, Basic, OC; B; NIC; RID CI, CT, IC, TC, NAD III
* Level B: BEI III\IIIi, Advanced, OC: C, OC: V; NIC Advanced; RID CSC, IC\TC, CI\CT, RSC, CDI, NAD IV
* Level C: BEI IV\IVi, V\Vi, Master; NIC Master; RID MCSC, SC: L, NAD V

When a session with an interpreter exceeds the original approved time, last-minute rates must be billed at the Additional Quarter Hour Rate for Interpreter Rates—Day.

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**C-309: Reader Services**

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**C-309-2: Reader Services for Students in an Academic Setting**

#### Eligibility for Reader Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Customers who are blind or visually impaired are eligible for reader services if reader services are needed to support successful achievement of the customers’ vocational goal.

Customer participation in the cost of services, also referred to as “BLR,” does not apply to providing reader services.

#### Comparable Benefits

When a comparable benefit is available, it must be used instead of reader services. For example, an academic institution may provide reader services.

The customer must use reader services that are provided through a volunteer whenever possible, including services that are offered by certain public training programs or community service agencies.

For more information on Comparable Benefits, refer to [D-203-3: Use of Comparable Services and Benefits](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200" \l "d203-3). Also refer to Counselor Desk Reference [Chapter C2: Blind and Visual Impairments](https://intra.twc.texas.gov/intranet/vrs/cdr/cdr-c2-blind-visual-impairments.docx).

#### Purchasing Reader Services

Reader services are purchased as follows:

* The VR counselor and customer agree on an hourly rate when planning for reader services in the individualized plan for employment (IPE). The rate must be documented in the IPE or in an IPE amendment and in the [VR2011, Reader Services Log](http://intra.twc.state.tx.us/intranet/gl/html/vocational_rehab_forms.html).
* The customer secures a reader to provide reader services. The VR counselor may provide guidance on this; however, it is the customer’s responsibility to find and secure his or her own reader.
* VR staff issues a service authorization (SA) to the reader(s) before reader services are provided. The SA is based on the number of credit hours in which the customer is enrolled and needing reader services for that training period (semester, term, or class). VR staff will then issue an SA each month for the remainder of the training period. For more information, refer to VRSM D-213-1: Periodic Payments.
* The customer completes and submits VR2011, Reader Services Log, to the VR counselor each month.
* Upon receipt of the VR2011, the VR counselor:
  + verifies that the VR2011 includes the number of hours, the agreed hourly rate, and the student’s and reader’s signatures;
  + authorizes payment; and
  + places a copy of the VR2011 in the case folder.

Note: Texas Workforce Commission Vocational Rehabilitation (TWC-VR) does not pay for reader services rendered by a member of the customer’s family or another VR customer.

#### Customer’s Responsibilities

It is the customer’s responsibility to:

* use all other reading-related resources to every extent possible before requesting reader services from TWC-VR;
* comply with TWC-VR policies that prohibit payment of reader services when rendered by an immediate family member or another VR customer; and
* submit the VR2011, Reader Services Log, to the VR counselor by the 15th day of the month that follows the service dates.

The customer has sole responsibility for:

* interviewing and hiring the reader at the agreed hourly rate;
* determining the scope of work, including the materials to be read and the date, time, duration, and location of the services;
* establishing and enforcing all terms and conditions of employment; and
* terminating the agreement, when necessary.

#### VR Counselor’s Responsibilities

The VR counselor must:

* evaluate the number of hours of reader services that the customer needs;
* issue an SA in a timely manner;
* ensure that the customer understands that TWC-VR does not reimburse any self-paid payments for reader services;
* authorize payment; and
* ensure that a copy of the VR2011, Reader Services Log, is placed in the customer’s case file.

Note: If reader services are not approved contracted services offered through the training program, or if comparable benefits are not available, the provider must be set up as a vendor in ReHabWorks (RHW) and paid directly.

Follow the process outlined in [D-211: Setting Up and Paying Providers](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-d-200" \l "d211) to set up an individual as an established provider in RHW.

### C-309-3: Contracted Reader Services

Reader services that are provided through a contract with the customer’s training program offer the following benefits when the service is not available through a comparable benefit:

* Payment rates for reader services are already established and agreed upon.
* If the customer loses a reader at a crucial time during the semester, he or she is not burdened with finding a new reader; the university helps the customer find a new one.

Using a contract or designating a vendor for reader services does not infringe on a customer’s independence because the customer is still directly involved in evaluating and documenting the services that are purchased.

### C-309-4: Resource for Recorded Texts

VR customers can obtain information about recorded textbooks at [Transition Resources](http://intra.twc.state.tx.us/intranet/dbs/programs/vr/transition-resources.html).

## C-310: Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) describes the provision of translation of the spoken word displayed on-screen by a CART provider without contributing to the dialogue. Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) uses CART services to facilitate communication with customers during the rehabilitation process.

### C-310-1: Legal Authorization

When developing an individualized plan for employment (IPE), the designated state unit must provide all required information in the native language or mode of communication of the individual or the individual's representative. Refer to 34 CFR §361.45(c).

Appropriate modes of communication are defined in 34 CFR §361.5(4) as "specialized aids and supports that enable an individual with a disability to comprehend and respond to information that is being communicated. Appropriate modes of communication include, but are not limited to, the use of interpreters, open and closed-captioned videos, specialized telecommunications services and audio recordings, Braille and large-print materials, materials in electronic formats, augmentative communication devices, graphic presentations, and simple language materials."

### C-310-2: Maintaining Customer Confidentiality

VR staff must inform the CART provider and customer that information provided is maintained in confidence. For more information, refer to VRSM A-206: Confidentiality and Use of Customer Records and Information.

### C-310-3: Using CART Providers

TWC-VR must use qualified certified providers. A qualified CART provider holds any of the following certifications:

* Texas Court Reporters Association:
  + CART Certification Level I
  + CART Certification Level II
  + CART Certification Level III
  + CART Certification Level IV
  + CART Certification Level V
* National Court Reporter Association:
* Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR)
* A Certified Realtime Captioner (CRC) certificate of competency issued by the National Court Reporter Association
* Certified CART Provider (CCP)
* Certified Broadcast Captioner (CBC)

### C-310-4: Purchasing CART Services

Ordinarily, payment for CART services must not exceed the cost listed on the Texas HHS Communication Services for State Agencies (CSSA) fee schedule. Using contracted CARTS providers is preferred.

Note: The use of non-contracted CART service providers must comply with D-205: Purchasing Threshold Requirements. Every effort must be made to deliver services at the regular (day) rates.

Note: A separate service category for Preemployment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) interpreters and CART services must be used when purchasing CART services for Pre-ETS. For more information, refer to Pre-ETS Desk Reference Part 2: Pre-ETS Purchasing Guidance and Menu of Services.

For specific CART services policies, refer to VR-SFP Chapter 24: Communication Access Services.

### C-310-5: Purchasing CART Services from Colleges and Universities

Fees in the HHS**-**CSSAfee schedule do not apply to contracted institutions unless noted in the terms of the contract. VR shares contracts with several colleges and universities to offset part of the cost for CART services, and rates are determined by the contract.

Payments made to colleges and universities that are not under a VR contract must comply with the established HHS**-**CSSAfee schedule.

### C-310-6: Paying an Out-of-State Provider

When an out-of-state provider performs CART services:

* in Texas, established fees apply; or
* outside of Texas, the maximum allowable fee is the highest in-state fee for the applicable certification level.

### C-310-7: Procedures for Purchasing CART Services

The rate for CART services depends on:

* whether services are provided on-site or remotely;
* whether additional services are provided (for example, the use of a projector or providing an unedited transcript);
* the number of CART providers needed; and
* when the services are required (day, evening, weekend, or holiday).

VR purchases CART services as follows:

* The customer and VR counselor agree on the need for CART services.
* The customer selects the provider from among those available.
* VR staff contacts the CART provider to request services and indicates:
  + the date, time, and location;
  + whether services will be provided on-site or remotely;
  + whether transcripts and other services will be needed; and
  + how the provider's quoted fee compares to the maximum allowable fee, negotiating with the service provider when necessary.
* The service provider provides the name and certification level of the assigned captioner.
* VR staff records the service provider chosen in the customer's service record.
* VR staff obtains an agreement from the customer that the customer will attend the appointment and, if unavailable, will notify VR staff at least 48 hours before the appointment if he or she will not be able to attend, then VR staff documents the agreement in a case note in ReHabWorks (RHW).
* VR staff issues a service authorization for the approved services that contains the following information:
  + A line item for the administration feeusing the specifications for the level of interpreting being requested
  + A line item for each hour using the number of hours as the quantity (no lump sum amounts)for each day of services being requested
  + The location for the service to be provided (on-site location or remotely)
  + A line item for reimbursement of travel costs for contracted providers only
* VR staff:
  + receives the provider's invoice;
  + collects any receipts for travel costs for contracted providers only; and
  + verifies the amount charged against the maximum allowable TWC fee as published on the HHS-CCSA website.
* VR staff authorizes payment for the services in RHW.

TWC-VR pays cancellation fees to CART providers when services are cancelled within a period of less than 48 hours of the scheduled service, including cancellation upon arrival(formerly referred to as “no-show”). When a cancellation fee is applicable, the original service authorization is revised using the Maximum Affordable Payment Schedule (MAPS) code for cancellation fees rather than the MAPS code for CART services. For more information about processing payments for no-shows, refer to VRSM D-204-7: Cancellation Upon Arrival Payments.

#### Creating a Service Record

VR staff must create a service record with the following MAPS Codes for CART services.

MAPS Codes for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Services

* Contracted CART Services – CACRTCR
* Contracted CART Services Cancellation Fee – CRTCRCNL
* Non-Contracted Interpreter Services **–** CACRTNC
* Non-Contracted CART Services Cancellation Fee – CRTNCCNL

#### Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART -CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – CART – CONTRACT REQUIRED (Choose the appropriate option)

#### Cancellation for Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART – CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 4 Cancellation Fee (choose appropriate option)

#### Travel-Related Services for Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART – CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – Administration Fees, Travel Time, Lodging, Per Diem [CONTRACT REQUIRED]
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – CART – [CONTRACT REQUIRED] (Choose appropriate line item for administration fees, travel time, lodging, per diem separate line item for each)

#### Non-Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY

#### Cancellation for Non-Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 4 Cancellation Fee (choose appropriate option)

#### Travel-Related Services for Non-Contracted CART Services:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services – CART – NON-CONTRACT ONLY
* Level 3 Communication Access Services – CART – Administration Fees, Travel Time, Lodging, Per Diem [NON-CONTRACT ONLY]
* Level 4 Communication Access Services – CART – [NON-CONTRACT ONLY] (Choose appropriate line item for administration fees, travel time, lodging, per diem separate line item for each)

#### Contracted Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART Services for Colleges and Universities:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services by Colleges and Universities (CONTRACT REQUIRED)
* Level 3 Communication Access Realtime Translation CART Services by Colleges and Universities – CONTRACT REQUIRED
* Level 4 CART Services by Colleges and Universities—Contracted (enter rate as specified by the contract)

#### Non-Contracted Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART Services for Colleges and Universities:

* Level 1 Interpreter and Translator Services
* Level 2 Communication Access Services by Colleges and Universities—Non-Contracted Service Providers (NO CONTRACT REQUIRED)
* Level 3 Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Services by Colleges and Universities (No Contract Required)
* Level 4 CART Services by Colleges and Universities (choose first hour/number of providers, location)

For Pre-ETS CART services, refer to Pre-ETS Desk Reference Part 2: Pre-ETS Purchasing Guidance and Menu of Services.

### C-310-8: Fee Schedule for CART Services

Rates for CART services are based on several factors. Rates for CART services are the HHS-CCSA Maximum Rates. Below are the definitions to determine what rates apply:

* Day: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays (Monday through Friday)
* Evening: 5:00 p.m.to 8:00 a.m., weekdays (Monday through Friday)
* Weekend: 5:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Monday
* Last Minute: Service requests made with less than 48 business hours in advance (2 business days) notice

When a scheduled session exceeds the original approved time, last-minute rates must be billed at the Additional Quarter Hour under CART Rates—Day.