Thompson RegionsDivision of Family Practice How to Access an Interpreter





On-Demand Telephone Interpreting

1. Call toll-free: 1-844-350-8224

2. Select the language required

3. Enter your code: **3956**

4. State the your first and last name

5. Wait for the interpreter to come on the line

- 6. If the client is with you, use speakerphone; if not, use the conference function on your phone to conference-in the client
- 7. Once connected, introduce yourself, your role & the context of the call to the interpreter
- 8. Ask the interpreter to introduce him/herself to the client
- 9. Proceed with the conversation, speaking directly to the client, not the interpreter
- 10. When finished, announce the end of the call to all parties

Working with an interpreter:

- An interpreter acts as a language conduit, rendering an oral message from one language into another
- You should speak directly to the client; the interpreter will speak in the first person
- You should allow time every few sentences for the interpreter to interpret
- The interpreter will interpret everything said during the session

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Compliments and complaints:

Call 1-877-228-2557 or email PLSQualityAssurance@phsa.ca (include your contact information, interpreter name/ID number, incident date, time, etc.).