Ensuring Language Access in Health Care Settings

INTRODUCTION

An increasingly diverse United States means that clinicians are encountering more languages in hospital settings. SLPs and audiologists have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure language access—that is, to actively bridge communication challenges between clinicians and patients/families who do not speak, understand, read, or write in the same language. This session discusses language access law and solutions for situations in which a trained medical interpreter is unavailable.

This course is a recorded session from the 2021 online conference “Empowered SLPs in Health Care: Breaking Barriers and Shaping Solutions.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

• define language access and describe how language barriers impact clinical practice
• explain legal and ethical responsibilities when using medical interpreters
• identify short-term solutions for situations when a medical interpreter is unavailable and describe how to implement a language access plan

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recording length: 51 minutes
Online conference dates: June 2–14, 2021
End date: June 28, 2026

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment on or before June 28, 2026.

This course is offered for 0.05 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).