

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

In Re:

**PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING
INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR COURT
APPEARANCES**

STANDING ORDER
2020-04

WHEREAS, the Court is required by law to provide certified, registered or provisionally qualified court interpreters in criminal and juvenile matters;

WHEREAS, the Court must also provide, whenever possible, court interpreters in civil, family law, probate and other case types as set forth in Evidence Code section 756;

WHEREAS, until fiscal year 2020-21, the Judicial Council of California reimbursed 100% of the cost of court interpreters;

WHEREAS, beginning in fiscal year 2020-21 the Judicial Council of California has adopted a new allocation formula for funding court interpreters and has experienced a significant budget reduction that necessitates reducing the amount allocated to each trial court to approximately 75% of what the court received in the prior fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, hereby orders:

Parties who require an interpreter must notify the court at the first court appearance but must also submit Request for Interpreter (Form MMC-303) to Court Administration in Room 303 at the Ukiah Courthouse or the public counter in the Ten Mile courthouse or via fax at (707) 468-3459, or via email at court.administration@mendocino.courts.ca.gov at least 10 court days before the date of the trial, hearing or other appearance for which the interpreter is required.

For criminal and juvenile matters, the court shall provide certified, registered or provisionally qualified interpreters. For other types of cases, the court will diligently attempt to secure qualified interpreters pursuant to the priorities and provisions set forth in Evidence Code section 756.

Responsibility for Notice: The party requesting the services of an interpreter is responsible for providing notice to the court.

Continuances in Cases with Court Interpreters: The Court shall not grant continuances in proceedings where the Court has obtained the services of court interpreters without a showing of good cause. At least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled hearing date, parties and/or counsel seeking continuance of proceedings with court interpreters must request such continuances and submit to Court Administration the Request for Court Interpreter (Form MMC-303), advising the court that the interpreter will not be needed.

Absent a showing of good cause and proper notice to the Court, the judge may order that the cost of the court interpreter be paid by the requesting party or counsel.

This standing order shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Dated: 9.21.2020



ANN C. MOORMAN
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court