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TO: Language Testing and Certification Testing Candidates

FROM: LTC Management

SUBJECT: LIMITING LANGUAGES TESTING

In an effort to create more testing opportunities to Languages of Lesser Diffusion (LLD) and to fulfill the needs of DSHS clients, the Language Testing and Certification Program will be limiting languages for which fill rates are high, and for which testing is high. These languages are:

- Spanish
- Russian
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Cantonese
- Mandarin

During weeks 1 and 2 of the month, languages **NOT** listed above will be able to book an appointment.

- Those who test for a LLD will be allowed to schedule one test per test type per month.
 - For example, one medical test and one social services test
- **Anyone who schedules more than one test per type per month will have the extra test cancelled and a full refund for the cancelled test will be issued**

In weeks 3 and 4 of the month, individuals who are testing for the six languages mentioned above will be able to book an appointment. Those who have successfully completed one of the two required tests for certification may schedule the remaining test in any open slot.

- Each individual may sign up for one test per type per month.
 - For example, one oral or written medical; and one oral or written social service; and one translator test.
- Individuals who have an expired written test and have not passed the oral test will no longer be eligible for testing, until further notice
- At this time, no individuals who are new to testing in the six languages identified (Spanish, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Cantonese, or Mandarin) will be scheduled.
- **If anyone in the two categories above schedule a test, their test will be cancelled and a full refund will be issued.**

Questions? Comments? Please submit them in writing to dshsct@dshs.wa.gov