



# Modest Means Legal Program (MMLP)

## Interpretation Services Reimbursement Fund

1. The Modest Means Legal Program (MMLP) will pay 100% of the interpreter fees for the initial consultation for any client referred through the MMLP who is hearing impaired or who has Limited English Proficiency (LEP). It is always recommended that an in-person interpreter be used if possible. In-person language services are provided by Ascentria/Language Bank. If you need to obtain language services, please do the following:
  - Provide the Modest Means Legal Program with as much advanced notice as possible. In your notice to the MMLP, include the name of the client, date and estimated duration of services needed. Feel free to email this to [svermacy@nhbar.org](mailto:svermacy@nhbar.org).
  - Contact Ascentria directly **as soon as possible** to schedule the date and time services will be needed. The preferred method for requesting an attorney is through their web site. Here is the link to the page on their website: <http://www.thelanguagebank.org/contact-us>.
  - Complete the application using your name, email address, and contact phone number.
  - Company to be billed: NHBA Pro Bono Referral Program  
Billing address: 2 Pillsbury Street, Ste. 300, Concord, NH 03301-3502

**NOTE: The cost of interpretation services increases the closer to the date services are needed.**
2. The Modest Means Legal Program will reimburse up to one-thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in interpretation and/or translation fees per case for any hearing impaired or (LEP) client referred through the MMLP. Please contact Ascentria and set up an account in your name and submit the invoices to the MMLP for reimbursement. Please submit invoices as incurred rather than waiting until the end of the case. Additional funds may be requested and will be granted contingent upon available remaining funds.

### **Please note**

The court must provide a general court interpreter for hearings when requested. Before attending a hearing in which an interpreter is required, make sure to inform the court clerk of that need. It is often helpful for counsel to have a separate interpreter for purposes of effective communication between the client and attorney. It is often necessary to have two interpreters in the court room in order for the client to understand all aspects of the proceedings.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding access and use of language services, do not hesitate to contact Sheila Vermacy at (603) 715-3235 or [svermacy@nhbar.org](mailto:svermacy@nhbar.org)