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New 2015 Salary Survey to Provide Key Insight into the Medical Interpreting Profession

December 15, 2014, Boston, USA - A new 2015 Salary Survey will offer key insight into the medical interpreting profession. Strong participation is anticipated, based on trends in this fast-emerging profession. The International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA) has published several Salary Surveys, and concluded with a 5-year report on trends. This 2015 survey promises to provide the data needed to see what kind of impact national certification has had on salaries, and to be a research tool that interpreters and managers can use to make decisions related to medical interpreter wages.

"The compensation rates reflect the current standards of recruitment, training and hiring of medical interpreters, as well as their qualifications," explained Izabel Arocha, IMIA Executive Director. *"Certified ASL interpreters earn higher wages than spoken language interpreters, who are not nationally certified. Has the gap shifted now that spoken language interpreters have national certification available to them? As awareness for minimum competency increases, the profession is becoming more attractive for those who are looking to enter a credentialed profession."* Demand for qualified medical interpreters continues to grow at a higher rate than in other professions, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Along with IMIA leaders who provided critical feedback, Linda Lin, CMI-Mandarin, IMIA Outreach Coordinator, and Nicida Maerefat, CHI™ Spanish, under Izabel Arocha's supervision, worked in collaboration to develop the 2015 survey. Lin reflected, *"We encourage everyone committed to language access and cultural competence to participate in this survey in effort to quantify the working conditions of medical interpreters."* Maerefat concluded, *"I am eager to see how the results of this survey will paint a picture of our profession, with the type of strong, factual data that is foundational for the advancement of the profession worldwide."*

To participate in the survey, please go here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IMIASalarySurvey2015>

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