**Section 940.100 Definitions**

The following terms have the meaning ascribed to them here whenever the term is used in this Part:

Act – the Language Assistance Services Act [210 ILCS 87].

*Department – the Department of Public Health.* (Section 10 of the Act)

*Health facility – a hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act or a long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act.* (Section 10 of the Act)

*Interpreter – a person fluent in English and in the necessary language of the patient* or resident, *who can accurately speak, read, and readily interpret the necessary second language, or a person who can accurately sign and read sign language*. (Section 10 of the Act)

*Language or communication barrier – either of the following:*

*With respect to spoken language, barriers that are experienced by limited-English-speaking or non-English-speaking individuals who speak the same primary language, if those individuals constitute at least 5% of the patients* or residents *served by the health facility annually.*

*With respect to sign language, barriers that are experienced by individuals who are deaf and whose primary language is sign language.* (Section 10 of the Act)