

## **Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) – Seeing A Deaf Patient**

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Rather than express my own opinion about this interesting question, I will simply refer you to the February 14, 2008 article entitled *A Matter of Law: Providing an Interpreter for the Deaf under ADA* (a Practice Update written by the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Staff of the American Psychological Association Practice Organization). Be sure to read the section at the end of the article that starts with “PLEASE NOTE.” It is useful to read this article, especially in light of the fact that the reader’s mental health professional association likely has one or more provisions in its ethical standards that either prohibits the denial of services to people on the basis of physical disability, or requires that the practitioner makes reasonable efforts to accommodate patients or clients who have physical disabilities, or both.

*An update to this subject matter / referenced article was revisited in April 2012. Please [click here](#) to read more!*

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