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The Texas Commission for the Deaf is pleased to announce that Interpreter Services for the deaf are now available through community based service facilities under contract with this agency. The five contracting organizations are Travis County Services for the Deaf, Austin; Tarrant County Services for the Hearing Impaired, Inc., Fort Worth; Community Welfare Planning Association of Greater Houston, Houston; Goodwill Industries of Lubbock, Lubbock; and San Antonio Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, San Antonio. Interpreter services will be provided by the area agencies for deaf individuals in need of assistance in communicating their needs relative to medical, legal, and social problems. The community services organizations under contract by the Texas Commission for the Deaf will place heavy emphasis on the use of interpreters who are certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and state interpreter association membership.

Because of the communication barrier that frequently exists, state agencies, and organization services are often inaccessible to individuals who are deaf. It is hoped that through the initiation and continuation of this state program that this problem will ultimately be eliminated. The need for this service was recognized and funded by the 64th Legislature for the purpose of providing interpreter services for deaf individuals. During the early part of fiscal year 1977, the Texas Commission for the Deaf anticipates contracting with several additional organizations in order to provide this service on a broader scale throughout the state of Texas.