

CLAS County Data

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PHS Act section 2719 requires non-grandfathered group health plans and health insurance issuers offering non-grandfathered health insurance coverage to provide relevant notices in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The regulations implementing section 2719 require these plans and issuers to make certain accommodations for notices sent to an address in a county meeting a threshold percentage of people who are literate only in the same non-English language. This threshold percentage is set at 10 percent or more of the population residing in the claimant's county, as determined based on American Community Survey (ACS) data published by the United States Census Bureau. 26 C.F.R. § 54.9815-2719T, 29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2719, and 45 C.F.R. § 147.136.

Section 2715 of the PHS Act requires group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group and individual coverage to provide the summary of benefits and coverage (SBC) and uniform glossary in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The regulations implementing section 2715 adopt the ten percent threshold set forth in the section 2719 implementing regulations. 26 C.F.R. § 54.9815-2715, 29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2715, and 45 C.F.R. § 147.200. The list below includes all counties which meet or exceed the 10 percent threshold (rounded to the nearest percent) for the 2010-2014 ACS data and is applicable until the next edition.¹ This list will be updated annually following the release of the applicable ACS data.²

Relation to Other Language Access and Nondiscrimination Laws

We note that QHP issuers are also responsible for complying with the culturally and linguistically appropriate standards set forth at 45 CFR § 155.205(c) with respect to oral interpretation, written translations, taglines, and website translations. HHS expects to issue guidance beginning in February 2016 identifying the non-English languages that are triggered by these standards for each State as well as sample taglines.

In the majority of states, the languages meeting this threshold are also among the top 15 languages spoken by the LEP populations of that state. However, where a language spoken by at least 10 percent of the population in the claimant's county (such as Navajo) is not among the top 15 languages spoken by the LEP population of the state, QHP issuers nevertheless must comply with both standards, when applicable.

We also remind QHP issuers of their obligations to provide information in an accessible manner to individuals with limited English proficiency under federal civil rights laws that also might apply, including Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its implementing regulation.

Summary of Benefits and Coverage Page Limit

QHP issuers must include an addendum with language taglines in the top 15 languages spoken by the LEP populations of that state in their summaries of benefits and coverage (SBCs) for QHPs offered

¹ The relevant ACS data set is U.S. Census, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001, Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over.

² The 2010-2014 data was released on December 3, 2015. Assuming the general timing of the release of the data does not change in future years, CMS anticipates releasing this list in December or the following January of each year.

through a Marketplace. Any additional taglines required under Public Health Service Act 2715 and its implementing regulations may also be included in this addendum. The addendum, which must only include tagline information required by language access standards for critical documents, will not count towards the four double-sided page limit for the SBC.

Note: Counties may have been added or removed compared to previous years based on changes in the data.

State	County	Chinese Percentage	Navajo Percentage	Spanish Percentage	Tagalog Percentage
Alabama	Franklin County	--	--	10%	--
Alaska	Aleutians East Borough	--	--	11%	22%
	Aleutians West Census Area	--	--	--	12%
Arizona	Apache County	--	10%	--	--
	Santa Cruz County	--	--	30%	--
	Yuma County	--	--	22%	--
Arkansas	Sevier County	--	--	15%	--
California	Colusa County	--	--	21%	--
	Fresno County	--	--	15%	--
	Glenn County	--	--	14%	--
	Imperial County	--	--	32%	--
	Kern County	--	--	16%	--
	Kings County	--	--	17%	--
	Los Angeles County	--	--	18%	--
	Madera County	--	--	17%	--
	Merced County	--	--	19%	--
	Mono County	--	--	10%	--
	Monterey County	--	--	26%	--
	Napa County	--	--	14%	--
	Orange County	--	--	12%	--
	Riverside County	--	--	13%	--
	San Benito County	--	--	17%	--
	San Bernardino County	--	--	13%	--
	San Diego County	--	--	10%	--
	San Francisco County	12%	--	--	--
	San Joaquin County	--	--	12%	--
	Santa Barbara County	--	--	16%	--
	Santa Cruz County	--	--	12%	--
	Stanislaus County	--	--	13%	--

	Sutter County	--	--	10%	--
	Tulare County	--	--	22%	--
	Ventura County	--	--	14%	--
	Yolo County	--	--	10%	--
Colorado	Adams County	--	--	10%	--
	Costilla County	--	--	12%	--
	Eagle County	--	--	13%	--
	Morgan County	--	--	12%	--
	Phillips County	--	--	13%	--
	Saguache County	--	--	11%	--
Florida	Collier County	--	--	12%	--
	DeSoto County	--	--	19%	--
	Hardee County	--	--	21%	--
	Hendry County	--	--	24%	--
	Miami-Dade County	--	--	31%	--
	Okeechobee County	--	--	13%	--
	Osceola County	--	--	16%	--
Georgia	Atkinson County	--	--	10%	--
	Echols County	--	--	15%	--
	Hall County	--	--	12%	--
	Stewart County	--	--	14%	--
	Whitfield County	--	--	15%	--
Idaho	Cassia County	--	--	10%	--
	Clark County	--	--	25%	--
	Gooding County	--	--	11%	--
	Jerome County	--	--	15%	--
	Lincoln County	--	--	15%	--
	Minidoka County	--	--	13%	--
	Power County	--	--	11%	--
Illinois	Kane County	--	--	13%	--
Iowa	Buena Vista County	--	--	13%	--
	Crawford County	--	--	12%	--
Kansas	Edwards County	--	--	10%	--
	Finney County	--	--	16%	--
	Ford County	--	--	18%	--
	Grant County	--	--	18%	--
	Hamilton County	--	--	14%	--
	Haskell County	--	--	10%	--
	Seward County	--	--	27%	--
	Stanton County	--	--	15%	--
	Stevens County	--	--	13%	--

	Wyandotte County	--	--	10%	--
Missouri	Sullivan County	--	--	10%	--
Nebraska	Colfax County	--	--	24%	--
	Dakota County	--	--	14%	--
	Dawson County	--	--	16%	--
	Hall County	--	--	10%	--
Nevada	Clark County	--	--	10%	--
New Jersey	Cumberland County	--	--	10%	--
	Hudson County	--	--	18%	--
	Passaic County	--	--	16%	--
	Union County	--	--	14%	--
New Mexico	Chaves County	--	--	12%	--
	Doña Ana County	--	--	15%	--
	Lea County	--	--	13%	--
	Luna County	--	--	18%	--
	Mora County	--	--	15%	--
	San Miguel County	--	--	14%	--
	Santa Fe County	--	--	10%	--
New York	Bronx County	--	--	21%	--
	New York County	--	--	10%	--
	Queens County	--	--	12%	--
North Carolina	Duplin County	--	--	12%	--
Oklahoma	Harper County	--	--	10%	--
	Texas County	--	--	20%	--
Oregon	Hood River County	--	--	14%	--
	Morrow County	--	--	15%	--
Puerto Rico	Adjuntas Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Aguada Municipio	--	--	79%	--
	Aguadilla Municipio	--	--	74%	--
	Aguas Buenas Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Aibonito Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Añasco Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Arecibo Municipio	--	--	81%	--
	Arroyo Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	Barceloneta Municipio	--	--	72%	--
	Barranquitas Municipio	--	--	88%	--

	Bayamón Municipio	--	--	76%	--
	Cabo Rojo Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Caguas Municipio	--	--	77%	--
	Camuy Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Canóvanas Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	Carolina Municipio	--	--	74%	--
	Cataño Municipio	--	--	85%	--
	Cayey Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Ceiba Municipio	--	--	74%	--
	Ciales Municipio	--	--	88%	--
	Cidra Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Coamo Municipio	--	--	77%	--
	Comerío Municipio	--	--	88%	--
	Corozal Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Culebra Municipio	--	--	73%	--
	Dorado Municipio	--	--	73%	--
	Fajardo Municipio	--	--	74%	--
	Florida Municipio	--	--	82%	--
	Guánica Municipio	--	--	82%	--
	Guayama Municipio	--	--	84%	--
	Guayanilla Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Guaynabo Municipio	--	--	71%	--
	Gurabo Municipio	--	--	77%	--
	Hatillo Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Hormigueros Municipio	--	--	76%	--
	Humacao Municipio	--	--	79%	--
	Isabela Municipio	--	--	82%	--
	Jayuya Municipio	--	--	88%	--
	Juana Díaz Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	Juncos Municipio	--	--	85%	--
	Lajas Municipio	--	--	90%	--
	Lares Municipio	--	--	89%	--
	Las Marías Municipio	--	--	89%	--
	Las Piedras Municipio	--	--	84%	--
	Loíza Municipio	--	--	89%	--

	Luquillo Municipio	--	--	79%	--
	Manatí Municipio	--	--	78%	--
	Maricao Municipio	--	--	91%	--
	Maunabo Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Mayagüez Municipio	--	--	75%	--
	Moca Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	Morovis Municipio	--	--	88%	--
	Naguabo Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	Naranjito Municipio	--	--	88%	--
	Orocovis Municipio	--	--	89%	--
	Patillas Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Peñuelas Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Ponce Municipio	--	--	79%	--
	Quebradillas Municipio	--	--	84%	--
	Rincón Municipio	--	--	73%	--
	Río Grande Municipio	--	--	81%	--
	Sabana Grande Municipio	--	--	81%	--
	Salinas Municipio	--	--	78%	--
	San Germán Municipio	--	--	83%	--
	San Juan Municipio	--	--	70%	--
	San Lorenzo Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	San Sebastián Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Santa Isabel Municipio	--	--	73%	--
	Toa Alta Municipio	--	--	80%	--
	Toa Baja Municipio	--	--	78%	--
	Trujillo Alto Municipio	--	--	77%	--
	Utua Municipio	--	--	85%	--
	Vega Alta Municipio	--	--	79%	--
	Vega Baja Municipio	--	--	71%	--
	Vieques Municipio	--	--	86%	--
	Villalba Municipio	--	--	87%	--
	Yabucoa Municipio	--	--	84%	--
	Yauco Municipio	--	--	81%	--
Texas	Andrews County	--	--	12%	--

	Atascosa County	--	--	13%	--
	Bailey County	--	--	21%	--
	Bastrop County	--	--	10%	--
	Bexar County	--	--	11%	--
	Briscoe County	--	--	10%	--
	Brooks County	--	--	17%	--
	Cameron County	--	--	30%	--
	Camp County	--	--	12%	--
	Castro County	--	--	19%	--
	Cochran County	--	--	18%	--
	Collingsworth County	--	--	13%	--
	Concho County	--	--	26%	--
	Crane County	--	--	18%	--
	Crockett County	--	--	12%	--
	Crosby County	--	--	11%	--
	Culberson County	--	--	14%	--
	Dallam County	--	--	11%	--
	Dallas County	--	--	17%	--
	Dawson County	--	--	12%	--
	Deaf Smith County	--	--	18%	--
	Dimmit County	--	--	20%	--
	Duval County	--	--	15%	--
	Ector County	--	--	14%	--
	Edwards County	--	--	11%	--
	El Paso County	--	--	30%	--
	Frio County	--	--	17%	--
	Gaines County	--	--	13%	--
	Garza County	--	--	39%	--
	Glasscock County	--	--	13%	--
	Gonzales County	--	--	12%	--
	Hale County	--	--	11%	--
	Hansford County	--	--	16%	--
	Harris County	--	--	17%	--
	Haskell County	--	--	13%	--
	Hemphill County	--	--	11%	--
	Hidalgo County	--	--	31%	--
	Howard County	--	--	10%	--
	Hudspeth County	--	--	35%	--
	Jeff Davis County	--	--	10%	--
	Jim Hogg County	--	--	16%	--
	Jim Wells County	--	--	12%	--

	Karnes County	--	--	10%	--
	Kenedy County	--	--	28%	--
	King County	--	--	12%	--
	Kinney County	--	--	12%	--
	Kleberg County	--	--	12%	--
	Knox County	--	--	10%	--
	La Salle County	--	--	24%	--
	Lamb County	--	--	12%	--
	Limestone County	--	--	13%	--
	Lipscomb County	--	--	10%	--
	Martin County	--	--	10%	--
	Matagorda County	--	--	12%	--
	Maverick County	--	--	45%	--
	McMullen County	--	--	14%	--
	Menard County	--	--	10%	--
	Midland County	--	--	10%	--
	Moore County	--	--	18%	--
	Navarro County	--	--	11%	--
	Nueces County	--	--	10%	--
	Ochiltree County	--	--	19%	--
	Parmer County	--	--	23%	--
	Pecos County	--	--	14%	--
	Presidio County	--	--	37%	--
	Reagan County	--	--	22%	--
	Reeves County	--	--	23%	--
	San Saba County	--	--	10%	--
	Sherman County	--	--	14%	--
	Starr County	--	--	51%	--
	Sterling County	--	--	12%	--
	Sutton County	--	--	15%	--
	Terry County	--	--	12%	--
	Titus County	--	--	20%	--
	Travis County	--	--	11%	--
	Upton County	--	--	10%	--
	Uvalde County	--	--	12%	--
	Val Verde County	--	--	23%	--
	Ward County	--	--	11%	--
	Webb County	--	--	44%	--
	Willacy County	--	--	20%	--
	Winkler County	--	--	17%	--
	Yoakum County	--	--	22%	--

	Zapata County	--	--	42%	--
	Zavala County	--	--	28%	--
Virginia	Manassas city	--	--	15%	--
	Manassas Park city	--	--	16%	--
Washington	Adams County	--	--	27%	--
	Douglas County	--	--	13%	--
	Franklin County	--	--	24%	--
	Grant County	--	--	16%	--
	Yakima County	--	--	17%	--