

Tool card: National CLAS Standards

The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. Public. Permitted use: cite, link, follow as a frame for language and cultural access planning.

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Content

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Purpose: fifteen standards for governance, workforce, communication and language assistance, and engagement, continuous improvement, and accountability.

Limits: standards, not a plan. Fidelity depends on local implementation and community review. Cultural material still needs sourcing and humility.

Program use: the language and cultural access planning aid uses the standards as its frame.

Next steps

- **CLAS standards reference** — program page [/library/ext-clas](#)
- **Language and cultural access planning aid** — program page [/library/ja-language-cultural-access-planning](#)

Sources

- **HHS Office of Minority Health** — The original source for this resource. <https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas>