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As someone who works to help the LEP community get access to professional interpretation, this bill raises several concerns. The most important is the potential delay in patients having an interpreter for their appointments. If no-one takes the appointment in the portal, what then? Does the patient just not have an interpreter? There are also concerns for the interpreters- is it a standard rate? Who do they negotiate with if they want a higher rate? What happens to fulltime Employee Interpreters?
Who will be running this portal? What oversight will be involved to make sure everything is handle efficiently?
There are just too many unanswered questions.