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New standards for library service to the blind and physically handicapped are being developed under contract with the Library of Congress, by a committee of ALA's Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division (HRLSD).

HRLSD is seeking input from users of the service, from professionals, including librarians, educators, rehabilitation counselors, nurses and therapists serving the blind and handicapped, and from volunteers in the field. The standards will cover resource development, services and activities, communication with readers, as well as administration, staffing, volunteers, physical facilities, accessibility and equipment.

Copies of the preliminary draft will be available in print, braille and on cassette by March 1978. National organizations may obtain a copy by writing to:

National Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped
The Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542
Attention: Richard Evenson

Individuals who use the service should contact their regional libraries.