

SCS Task Group on Accessibility Information in Provider Neutral Records

The SCS Task Group on Accessibility Information in Provider Neutral Records is charged to:

- Clarify the relationship between the provider-neutral record guidelines, which instruct catalogers to use a single record for “equivalent” manifestations, and the accessibility features of resources, taking into account support for end user discovery, as well as the benefits offered by the provider-neutral standard for reducing duplication of work and streamlining long result sets for both catalogers and end users.
- Propose revisions to the [Provider-Neutral E-Resource MARC Record Guide](#) and to other PCC documentation if needed, related to recording accessibility content of the resource in Provider Neutral (PN) records for electronic resources.
- The group should consider questions such as:
 - What information about accessibility should be recorded in PN records, and how should it be recorded (e.g., in MARC fields 341 and 532)?
 - Should any information about accessibility that does not apply to all versions be recorded in PN records using approaches such as subfield \$5? What effect does this have on discovery?
 - Should provider versions with different accessibility features instead be recorded on different PN records (e.g., the same ebook with and without a read-aloud feature)? At what level should this distinction be made (e.g., specific technology or at the level of modality as described in MARC field 341)?
 - Should information about accessibility or adaptive features of a provider platform (such as automated text-to-speech, auto-captioning, or text resizing functions) be treated differently from resource-specific information about the resource’s content, such as non-machine generated captions or transcripts for streaming video?
 - How should the non-static nature of accessibility content and adaptive features be handled? Providers may add or remove features from their platforms. Streaming video providers will often caption previously uncaptioned videos on request. If changes in some accessibility features are determined to require a separate record, how should this be handled in a shared environment where catalogers may not be able to ascertain the available accessibility features for all versions and where libraries may not get updates if records are split?

[PCC Strategic Directions \(2023-\):](#)

SD 2.5: Incorporate user experience (UX) and accessibility best practices into PCC metadata policies

SD action item 2.5.1: Ensure that the PCC considers the intended benefits to the end user when developing new policies

SD 6.4: Explore partnerships with other organizations and institutions to participate in and promote ADEI initiatives

Time Frame:

Date charged: September 5, 2023

Date preliminary report due: December 5, 2023

Date final report due: April 5, 2024

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Final Report Transmittal & Tracking Sheet:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ydW_bImldUuFhR3BX0azkKLIn6avf9H/edit