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Accessible forms, including fillable, where is this covered?

Most government forms I find on the internet are inaccessible. I have to download them, print them, try to find help to complete them, even if they require very private financial, medical, and other personal information, which many do. Then I have to try to send the forms by mail back to the agency, and try keep copies for my records. This is very difficult for me to do. I cannot complete forms independently because I am blind. It takes a lot of extra time to do what I am expected to do with these forms. Many forms are time-sensitive. I am very much hampered by this problem and I know many others who are too due to various disabilities, visual and manual, etc. This affects many important matters in my life, especially benefits I need. I do not have "equal access" to the internet.

In this day and age, all electronic forms should be required to be accessible, including fillable. It should be illegal to put forms on websites that must be printed to be completed. This should include ALL forms. Being able to navigate a form is only half the battle. Where in these draft regulations does it say that all electronic forms, including those designed to be downloaded, like most PDFs, and there are very many of them, must be accessible, including fillable?

If this is not yet clearly addressed in these draft regulations, I know many of us need it to be. Please make it clear in these regulations that all electronic forms must be accessible, including fillable.

Thank you.

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