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NEWS BRIEFS:Check Out the New WHO Wheelchair Guidelines

The World Health Organization recently launched new guidelines on providing manual wheelchairs in "less resourced settings," according to an announcement on the WHO Web site.

The guidelines address the design, production, supply, and service delivery of manual wheelchairs, particularly for long-term wheelchair users, WHO explained. The guidelines are targeted at a range of people, including policy-makers, designers, providers, and users.

"By developing an effective system of wheelchair provision, Member States support implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the May 2005 World Health Assembly resolution A58/23 Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation," WHO declared.