

Hospital Library Services Program

NYS Law Pertaining to HLSP

§273. Apportionment of state aid

c. Hospital Library Services Program

(1) The commissioner is hereby authorized to expend up to one million three hundred ninety-six thousand dollars in each state fiscal year to provide **formula grants to approved reference and research library resources systems for provision of services to member hospital libraries in not-for-profit hospitals licensed by the New York state health department**, or to member libraries serving such hospitals. Such formula grants shall be determined on the basis of criteria to be developed by the commissioner and **shall assist member hospital libraries** or member libraries serving hospitals **in meeting the standards established by the regents** in accordance with section two hundred fifty-four of this article. Such formula grants shall support integration of member hospital libraries or member libraries serving hospitals into existing networks.

(2) The commissioner shall provide grants to the reference and research library resources systems in the following manner: (a) an amount equal to seventy-five cents per square mile of area served by the reference and research library resource system in furtherance of the purposes of this paragraph, and (b) the remainder for library services to hospitals in accordance with regulations of the commissioner adopted for such purpose.

§ 254. Standards of library service

The regents shall have power to **fix standards** of library service for every free association, public and **hospital library** In the case of a hospital library or a library serving a hospital, such standards shall be **established in consultation with the commissioner of health**. If any such library shall **fail to comply** with the regents requirements, such **library shall not receive any portion of the moneys** appropriated by the state for ... hospital libraries.