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Research regarding health care for disabled and minority adolescents usually excludes deaf teens. Deaf older adolescents cannot participate in telephone surveys. Deaf teens may have more difficulty with written English than their hearing counterparts. This may impede their access to health services. We modified three nationally - normed health behavior surveys and administered the resultant survey to 168 deaf and 578 hearing incoming college freshmen. The students anonymously self-reported risk behaviors and health services use. Deaf students determined whether to provide their de-identified English

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