

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **17-4. Increase the proportion of patients receiving information that meets guidelines for usefulness when their new prescriptions are dispensed.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Evaluation of written prescription information provided in community pharmacies, Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 objective</b>	12.8 (Food and Drug Safety).
<b>Changes since the 2000 publication.</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	52 (2001)
<b>Target</b>	95
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Specified in Public Law 104-180.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of “quality” points given to information sheets accompanying dispensed prescription drugs.
<b>Denominator</b>	Total number of possible points.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.
<b>Comments</b>	This objective is adapted from a measure in Healthy People 2000 objective 12.8 (Food and Drug Safety), which tracked the proportion of people who receive useful information verbally and in writing for new prescriptions from prescribers or dispensers. The measure of the original Healthy People 2000 objective, however, was of only information receipt - not information quality. The current measure tracks

both the distribution and quality of written information supplied to simulated patients presenting prescriptions at a randomly selected sample of community pharmacies across the continental United States.

An expert panel of pharmacists then evaluated the information sheets for their usefulness. The evaluation criteria were based on how usefulness was characterized in the consensually-derived Long Range Action Plan for providing useful written prescription medicine information to patients. The Plan can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/Offices/ODS/keystone.pdf>.

A description of how the assessment criteria were operationalized is available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/reports/prescriptionInfo/default.htm>.

This objective moved from developmental to measurable after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information