

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **1-15. Reduce the proportion of adults with long-term care needs who do not have access to the continuum of long-term care services.**

#### **1-15a. Home health care**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent (age adjusted—see Comments).
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	9.6 (2001)
<b>Target</b>	7.7
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons aged 65 years and older with long-term care needs who needed home health care during the past 12 months and did not receive this care.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons aged 65 years and older with long-term care needs.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2001 National Health Interview Survey:  [To determine whether the respondent has long-term care needs]: ➤ <i>Because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem, {do/does} {person} need the help of other persons with PERSONAL CARE NEEDS, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around inside this</i>

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- *Because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem, {do/does} {person} need the help of other persons in handling ROUTINE NEEDS, such as everyday household chores, doing necessary business, shopping, or getting around for other purposes?*

[To determine whether the respondents' long-term care needs were met]:

- *During the past 12 months, was there a time when {person} needed any of the following services, but did not get them?*

*Home health care?*

*Adult day care?*

*Assisted living?*

*Hospice care or care for the terminally ill?*

*Nursing home care?*

**Expected Periodicity**

Periodic.

**Comments**

Persons with long-term care needs are defined as persons who need the help of other persons with (a) personal care needs or (b) routine care needs or (c) both personal and routine care needs. See "Questions Used to Obtain the National Data" above.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 65-74, and 75 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment, see Part A, section 7.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>1</sup>

Objective 1-15 moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Four subobjectives were created, each addressing one aspect of long-term care services.

See Part C for a description of NHIS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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