

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

16-23. Increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who receive their care in family-centered, comprehensive and coordinated systems.

National Data Source	National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (NS-CSHCN), HRSA, MCHB and CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (NS-CSHCN), HRSA, MCHB and CDC, NCHS.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 17.20 (Diabetes and Other Chronic Disabling Conditions).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised text (see Comments). Revised data source (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	18 (2005-06)
Target	100
Target-Setting Method	Total coverage. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of children under 18 years of age with special health care needs who receive their care in family-centered, comprehensive, and coordinated systems.
Denominator	Number of children under 18 years of age with special health care needs.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population with telephones.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	See Comments.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.

Comments

The National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs assesses the prevalence and impact of special health care needs among children in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. This survey explored the extent to which children with special health care needs have medical homes, adequate health insurance, and access to needed services between October 2000 and April 2002. Other topics include care coordination and satisfaction with care.

This objective is measured by a 6-component composite index, consisting of: families of CSHCN partner in decision making and will be satisfied with the services they receive; CSHCN receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within a medical home; families of CSHCN have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need; children are screened early and continuously for special health care needs; community-based service systems are organized so families can use them easily; youth with special health care needs receive the services necessary to make transitions to adult life. The index is derived by taking the mean of the six components.

The original text was revised as a result of a change in the methodology related to this objective. The original data source was the Title V Block Grant Application Form 13, HRSA, MCHB. The source was revised when data from the 2001 National Survey of Children of Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) became available. Use of these national survey data instead of the Title V administrative data allowed national percentages to be estimated at the person level instead of at the state level.

The original 1997 baseline of 15.7 percent of Territories and States was revised to 35 percent of children with special health care needs (in 2001) as a result of the change in data source. The baseline was revised again, to 18 percent, as a result of changes in methodology. The original target, 100 percent of Territories and States, was revised to 100 percent of children with special health care needs, using the original target-setting method.

This objective was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 17.20, which was supposed to

monitor the number of States with service systems for children with or at risk of chronic and disabling conditions. (Tracking data for 17.20 were never obtained.) Objective 16-23 monitors the percent of children with special health care needs who receive their care through coordinated service systems.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.