

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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**1-13. Increase the number of Tribes, States, and the District of Columbia with State-level trauma system facilitation and coordination of Statewide defined criteria.**

**1-13g. Policies describing the types of patients who should be transferred.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Federal Trauma-Emergency Medical Services System Program Survey, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA).
<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>	Number of States and the District of Columbia.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	23 (2002)
<b>Target</b>	51
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Total coverage.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of States and the District of Columbia that have policies describing the types of patients who should be transferred.
<b>Denominator</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 2002 Federal Trauma-Emergency Medical Services System Program Survey:  ➤ <i>Does a written policy exist that identifies the specific types of trauma patients who should be transferred from hospitals without a trauma center to those hospitals with such centers?</i>

<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Objective 1-13 was divided into 9 subobjectives during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. Each subobjective addresses a specific element of the Statewide criteria for a State-level trauma system.</p> <p>The original data source (State EMS Directors Survey, National Association of State EMS Directors) was superceded by the Federal Trauma-Emergency Medical Services System Program Survey. The new data source has an improved ability to assess the content and quality of State-based trauma systems and emergency medical resources using a specific set of approved criteria. The original text and baseline were also revised due to reflect the new data source.</p> <p>Baseline and tracking data are not currently available for Tribes. Therefore the target was redefined to include only States and the District of Columbia.</p> <p>More information about State-based trauma and emergency medical services systems is available in the following report published by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): <i>A 2002 National Assessment of State Trauma System Development Emergency Medical Services Resources and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events</i>. Available at:  <a href="ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/hrsa/trauma/nationalassessment.pdf">ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/hrsa/trauma/nationalassessment.pdf</a></p> <p>See Appendix A for focus area contact information.</p>