

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

21-11. Increase the proportion of long-term care residents who use the oral health care system each year.

National Data Source	National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	19 (1997)
Target	25
Target-Setting Method	32 percent improvement. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of nursing home residents who used the oral health care system.
Denominator	Number of nursing home residents.
Population Targeted	U.S. resident population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1997 National Nursing Home Survey: [In the question below, the phrase "last month" was used if the resident was admitted in the previous month or earlier. The phrase "since admission" was used if the resident was admitted in the current month.] ➤ <i>(Last month/since admission) which of these services were received by (Resident), either inside or outside of this facility?</i> [A "hand flashcard" is supplied with a check box for "Dental care."]
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.

Comments

A nursing home resident was considered to have used the oral health care system if the respondent indicated Dental care was provided.

Nursing home data were used as proxy data for long-term care facilities since there is no known database that enumerates all long-term care facilities (nursing homes, chronic disease hospitals, etc.).

A description of the 1997 National Nursing Home Survey has been published by NCHS.¹

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

1. Gabrel, C.S. An overview of nursing home facilities: Data from the 1997 National Nursing Home Survey. *Advance Data*, No. 311. Hyattsville, MD: NCHS, 2000.