

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **1-12. Establish a single toll-free telephone number for access to poison control centers on a 24-hour basis throughout the United States.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	American Association of Poison Control Centers Survey, U.S. Poison Control Centers.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	15 (1999)
<b>Target</b>	100
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Total coverage.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of Poison Control Centers (PCCs) that report the same single toll-free telephone number for immediate information and treatment advice about poisonings and toxic exposures.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of PCCs nationwide.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. Poison Control Centers.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1999 American Association of Poison Control Centers Survey:  ➤ <i>What emergency telephone numbers do you advertise?</i>
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	The numerator is based on the number of PCCs that report the same toll-free telephone number that is advertised to provide immediate information and treatment advice about poisonings and toxic

exposures.

For the denominator, the total number of PCCs nationwide for 1999 is 74.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.