

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **1-11. Increase the proportion of persons who have access to rapidly responding prehospital emergency medical services**

#### **1-11g. Population living in area with two-way communication between hospitals.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Assessment of State Trauma System Development, Emergency Medical Services Resources, and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
<b>State Data Source</b>	National Assessment of State Trauma System Development, Emergency Medical Services Resources, and Disaster Readiness for Mass Casualty Events, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	68 (2002)
<b>Target</b>	75
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	10 percent improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons living in areas with two-way communication between hospitals.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of persons.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.

**Expected Periodicity**

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**Comments**

Two-way communication between hospitals includes: two-way radios, pagers, voice mail boxes, satellite phones, wireless messaging, and broadcasting or auto-dialing automatically distributed alerts and messages.

The National Assessment of State Trauma System Development was administered to 50 States and 3 Territories by HRSA in 2002. States were required to convene a panel of Trauma-EMS stakeholders within the State to complete the survey. The stakeholder group included representatives from professional groups such as EMS administrators, hospital administrators, trauma nurses and surgeons, rural health officers, pediatric representatives, public health officials, and others.

The baseline data represent all States except Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. Data are not available for the District of Columbia.

Objective 1-11 moved from developmental to measurable status at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The objective was divided into 7 subobjectives, each addressing different aspects of prehospital emergency medical services.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.