

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

10-4. Reduce deaths and illness from severe food allergies.

10-4a. (Developmental) Deaths

Comments

This subobjective was retained at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review despite the current lack of adequate data. An operational definition could not be specified at the time of publication.

The proposed data source is the mortality component of the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS-M), CDC, NCHS. The ICD-10 assigns codes T78.0 and T78.1 to death from food-induced anaphylaxis. Identifiers have not been assigned for specific food sources, for example, peanuts, milk products, or eggs. Codes have been assigned to anaphylactic shock due to adverse food reaction in the ICD-9-CM for nonfatal anaphylactic shock due to nonpoisonous foods. See Part A, section 8 for a discussion of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD).

Objective 10-4 moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review, although this subobjective remains developmental. The objective was changed from “Reduce deaths from anaphylaxis caused by food allergies” to “Reduce deaths and illness from severe food allergies.” It was divided into two sub-objectives, one addressing deaths and the other severe food allergies.

See Part C for a description of NVSS-M and Appendix A for focus area contact information.