

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

24-3. Reduce hospital emergency department visits for asthma.

24-3c. Adults aged 65 years and older.

National Data Source	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), NCHS, CDC.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Rate per 10,000 population.
Baseline (Year)	29.5 (1995-97)
Target	15.0
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of visits to an emergency department with a first-listed diagnosis of asthma (ICD-9-CM code 493) among persons aged 65 years and older.
Denominator	Number of persons aged 65 years and older.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used to Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1995-97 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: ➤ <i>Physician's diagnosis for the visit</i> <i>Primary diagnosis:</i> _____
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	See Part A, section 8 for a discussion of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and ICD-9-CM. For some measures, data do not meet the criteria

for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.¹

See Part C for a description of NHAMCS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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