

Focus Area 10: Food Safety

Objective 10-4a. Reduce deaths caused by severe food allergies. (Developmental) Target = To Be Determined [State Data Source: National Vital Statistics System (NVSS-M)]

California data for this subobjective were not available in the February 2009 edition of DATA2010. This developmental subobjective was retained at the HP2010 Midcourse Review and its target remains unspecified.

Using the Multiple Cause of Death files as an alternate data source for monitoring this HP2010 objective, an average of 1.8 deaths with food allergies reported as a contributing cause (ICD-10 codes T78.0 and T78.1) were found for the six-year period 2000 through 2005 among California residents. Reliable death rates for the total population, by gender, or by race and ethnicity could not be calculated due to the small number of events. Since there has not been a determination at the national level about what the HP2010 target should be, California's progressing toward achieving this subobjective remains unknown. However, the total number of food allergy deaths in California increased from one reported in 2001 and 2002 to three reported in 2004 and 2005.

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 10-4, please visit:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume1/10Food.htm>

the CDPH Center for Infectious Disease Web site at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/Pages/default.aspx>

and the DATA2010 Web site at: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/>