

Healthy People 2020

HHS provides these guidelines for public comments (March 2008).

Healthy People 2020 Regional Meetings Public Comment Guidelines

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is convening regional meetings to discuss the development of the framework for Healthy People 2020, the national health goals for the next decade. Your participation is an essential part of the development of Healthy People 2020. We invite you to present your perspective during an oral public comment session at a regional meeting.

The following guidelines for oral public comment at each regional meeting will be used to ensure that diverse perspectives are represented and the available time for oral public comment is maximized.

- > At the registration area, participants will sign-up to provide an oral comment on a first-come, first-served basis. If you need special assistance to give your oral comment, please ask.
- > At registration, oral comment registrants will be given a number, until the estimated oral comment cut-off has been met.
- > During the public comment period, the meeting facilitator will call presenter numbers. If your number is called and you need special assistance, please raise your hand and a staff person will assist you.
- > As many oral comments will be taken as the agenda time permits.
- > Each oral comment will be limited to three minutes so that we can hear from the greatest number of participants.
- > Each individual and organization will be limited to one oral comment during the public comment session.
- > If the public comment period time elapses before your number is called, you may submit a written copy of your comment at the regional meeting.
- > In addition, we encourage you to submit written comments via the Internet at www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/comments or mail (Attention: Healthy People 2020 Objectives, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, MD 20852).
- > If possible, please bring a copy of your comment to the regional meeting, so that a longer statement may be recorded, if you wish.