HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 DEMENTIA OBJECTIVE DIA-1

Increase the proportion of persons with diagnosed Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, or their caregivers, who are aware of the diagnosis.

In 2007-2009, 34.8 percent of adults aged 65 and older with diagnosed Alzheimer’s and other dementias, or their caregiver, were aware of the diagnosis.

Healthy People 2020 has set a goal of increasing this percentage by 10 percent to 38.3 percent.

Those with more severe Alzheimer’s or other dementia, or their caregiver, are significantly more likely to be aware of their diagnosis. But, it is still less than half.

Excluding caregivers, only one in five seniors diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and other dementias are aware of their diagnosis.