



June 24, 2021

Allen P. Miller, President
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Re: Information Quality Request for Correction #74 Appeal, date July 31, 2020

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter is in response to the Information Quality Request for Correction Appeal #74, dated July 31, 2020. The request is listed at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/information-requests-corrections-and-hhs-responses>. We regularly review and update the content on our websites and appreciate the feedback you have provided.

Your appeal regarding Request #74 references the Beyond the Data – Prevention and Control of Skin Cancer video from the 2015 CDC Public Health Grand Rounds and asks that the video be removed from the CDC website. The intent of the Beyond the Data videos is to provide important health information for clinicians, researchers, students of public health, medicine and nursing, and the public. The referenced video serves to increase awareness about risk and prevention of skin cancer and about public health interventions. We do not agree that the state of the science supports the statement in your appeal that “The worse health suffered by African-Americans is caused primarily by the greater amount of melanin in their skins that blocks a greater amount of the sun’s rays.” or your conclusion that “African-Americans need more sun exposure”.

After careful consideration of your appeal, we conclude that the available evidence does not support revising the webpages. We respectfully decline to retract the information from the website.

Thank you for your interest in the quality of information disseminated by CDC.

Sincerely,

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