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Re: Information Quality Request for Correction #76 Appeal, date July 14, 2021

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter is in response to the Information Quality Request for Correction Appeal #76, dated July 14, 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.

After careful consideration of your appeal, we conclude that the available scientific evidence does not support revising the webpages. We respectfully decline to modify the webpages and encourage you to refer to information and resources provided by the CDC at [Are There Benefits to Spending Time Outdoors?](#) and by the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements at the [webpage for health professionals on the established and potential health effects of Vitamin D](#). These webpages describe the most current information on sources of Vitamin D, which include foods and dietary supplements in addition to ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure. As noted by the CDC, spending time outdoors can improve overall health and wellness. It is well understood that too much exposure to UV can increase risk of skin cancer and eye disease; however, these risks can be decreased by wearing protective clothing and applying SPF 15 or higher sunscreen. Additionally, Vitamin D, which has many roles in the body, is produced endogenously when UV from sunlight strikes the skin and triggers vitamin D synthesis. We believe that this evidence indicates that the webpages appropriately address the issues of Vitamin D sources, serum levels, and health impacts of UV exposure.

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

Sincerely,

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