



June 24, 2021

Allen P. Miller, President
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Re: Information Quality Request for Correction #71 Appeal, date July 31, 2020

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter is in response to the Information Quality Request for Correction Appeal #71, 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.

In your appeal regarding Request #71, you requested changes to the website titled Cancer Prevention and Control – State of the Science on Melanoma Prevention and Screening. You reiterated that you believe only UV exposure causing sunburns is associated with melanoma. As we stated previously, evidence from studies of indoor tanning and melanoma shows an increase in risk for melanoma from indoor tanning in addition to the increase in risk from sunburns. You also state that “sunburns are not even mentioned on the CDC’s webpage.” Other pages within the CDC suite of skin cancer webpages, however, describe the increase in risk for skin cancer, including melanoma, from sunburn, specifically, and provide prevention messages for avoiding sunburn. These pages include [What is Skin Cancer?](#) and [Sunburn and UV Protective Behaviors](#).

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

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

Sincerely,

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