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**Response to Public Comments, Key Questions
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A single comment was received from **Joan Zerzan, MS RD CD**, a nutrition consultant in the Office with the Washington Division of Prevention and Community Health (email dated September 11, 2012).

Comment: Level cutoffs should be referred to as sufficient, insufficient etc...not at risk for.

Response: We tried to use language consistent with language used in articles (Looker et al., 2010; Aloia, 2011) describing new categories of vitamin D status defined by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Phrases such as *at risk of deficiency* acknowledge that the same concentration of serum vitamin D may be inadequate for optimal health in some individuals and adequate in others. Additional explanation has been added to the report.

Aloia JF. Clinical Review: The 2011 report on dietary reference intake for vitamin D: where do we go from here? *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2011;96(10):2987-2996.

Looker AC, Johnson CL, Lacher DA, Pfeiffer CM, Schleicher RL, Sempos C. Vitamin D Status: United States, 2001-2006. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics; 2011. NCHS Data Brief No. 59. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website]. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db59.pdf>. Accessed August 3, 2012.

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