paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(a) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index (''CPI''), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The CPI increased 10.16 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 2001. This increase in the CPI and the requirement that any increase be rounded to the nearest fifty cents results in an increase in the current maximum allowable charge to $9.00 effective January 1, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith B. Anderson, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580, 202–326–3428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 612(a)(1)(A) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as amended in 1996, states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609, the charge shall not exceed $8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(a)(2) goes on to state that the Federal Trade Commission (''the Commission'') shall increase the $8.00 maximum amount on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The allowable charge was increased from $8.00 to $8.50 on January 1, 2000. (See 64 FR 69769 (December 14, 1999).)

The Commission considers the $8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(a) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the effective date of the amended FCRA, *i.e.,* September 30, 1997. Each year the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of $8 should be made effective on January 1 of the subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Between September 1997 and September 2001, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers and all items increased by 10.61 percent—from an index value of 161.2 in September 1997 to a value of 178.3 in September 2001. An increase of 10.61 percent in the $8.00 base figure would lead to a new figure of $8.85. However, because the statute directs that the resulting figure be rounded to the nearest $0.50, the allowable charge should be $9.00.

The Commission therefore determines that the allowable charge for the year 2002 will be $9.00

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

[Document No. JFMIP–SR–01–03]

Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP)—Federal Financial Management System Requirements (FFMSR)

AGENCY: Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP).

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The JFMIP is seeking public comment on an exposure draft entitled ''Acquisition/Financial Systems Interface Requirements,'' dated November 2001. The draft is the first Federal Financial Management System Requirements (FFMSR) document to address standard financial requirements for Federal acquisition/financial systems. The document is intended to assist agencies when developing, improving or evaluating benefit systems. It provides the baseline functionality that agency systems must have to support agency missions and comply with laws and regulations. When issued in final, the document will augment the existing body of FFMSR that define financial system functional requirements which are used in evaluating compliance with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996.

DATES: Comments are due by February 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exposure draft have been mailed to senior financial officials, chief information officers, and procurement executives, together with a transmittal memo listing items of interest for which JFMIP is soliciting feedback. The Exposure Draft, transmittal memo, and comment response matrix are available on the JFMIP Web site: *www.jfmip.gov* Responses should be addressed to JFMIP, 1990 K Street, NW., Suite 430, Washington, DC 20006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FFMIA of 1996 mandated that agencies implement and maintain systems that comply substantially with FFMSR, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. The FFMIA statute codified the JFMIP financial system requirements documents as a key benchmark that agency systems must meet to substantially comply with systems requirements provisions under FFMIA. To support the provisions outlined in the FFMIA, the JFMIP is updating obsolete requirements documents and publishing additional requirements documents. Comments received will be reviewed and the exposure draft will be revised as necessary. Publication of the financial document will be mailed to agency financial officials, procurement executives, chief information officers, and others, and will be available on the JFMIP website. An open house is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2001, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the General Services Administration (GSA) Auditorium in the main GSA Building, located at 18th and F Streets NW, to provide additional information on the Exposure Draft. The name, organization, telephone number, and e-mail address for attendees should be e-mailed to *dennis.Mitchell@gsa.gov* or faxed to 202–219–0549.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 01D–0519]

Medical Devices: Draft Guidance on Cardiac Ablation Catheters Generic Arrhythmia Indications for Use; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the draft guidance entitled ''Cardiac Ablation Catheters Generic Arrhythmia Indications for Use.'' This draft guidance document encourages manufacturers of approved conventional cardiac ablation catheters to submit supplements to broaden their