request for approval of the use fee by the Board.

(3) Requests for approval of the use fee must be accompanied by written documentation to support the amount requested.

(4) The Board will approve the amount of use fee that is payable to the applicant by approved insurance providers unless the Board determines that the use fee charged:

(i) Is unreasonable in relation to the maintenance costs associated with the policy or plan of insurance; or

(ii) Unnecessarily inhibits the use of the policy or plan of insurance by other Approved Insurance Providers.

(5) Reasonableness of the use fees will be determined by the Board based on a comparison with the amount of reimbursement for maintenance previously received, the number of policies, the number of Approved Insurance Providers, and the expected total amount of use fees to be received in any reinsurance year.

(6) A use fee unnecessarily inhibits the use of a policy or plan of insurance if it is so high that other Approved Insurance Providers are unable to pay such fees because of the volume of business currently underwritten by the approved insurance provider.

(7) The use fee charged to each Approved Insurance Provider will be considered payment in full for the use of such policy, plan of insurance or rate of premium for the reinsurance year in which payment is made.

(l) The Board may consider information from the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. 504, the Bureau of Labor Statistic's Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, the Bureau of Labor Statistic's Employment Cost Index, and any other information determined applicable by the Board, in making a determination whether to approve a submission for reimbursement of research, development, or maintenance costs under this section or the amount of reimbursement.

(m) Any false statements made to FCIC may subject the applicant to administrative, criminal, or civil penalties as authorized by law.

(n) For purposes of this section, rights to, or obligations of, research and development reimbursement, maintenance reimbursement, or use fees cannot be transferred from any individual or entity unless specifically approved in writing by the Board.

§ 400.713 Non-Reinsured Supplemental (NRS) Policy.

(a) The reinsured company must submit three copies of the new or revised NRS policy and related materials to the Deputy Administrator, Research and Development (or successor), Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Stop 0812, Kansas City, MO 64133–4676 for review, approval or disapproval at least 90 days prior to the first sales closing date applicable to the policy reinsured by FCIC.

(b) FCIC will approve the NRS policy if it does not increase or shift risk to the underlying policy or plan of insurance reinsured by FCIC, affect any rights of the insured with respect to the underlying reinsured policy or plan of insurance, or cause disruption in the marketplace for products reinsured by FCIC. Marketplace disruption includes adversely affecting sales or administration of the underlying reinsured policy, undermining producers' confidence in the Federal crop insurance program, decreasing the producer's willingness or ability to use Federally reinsured risk management products, or harming public perception of the Federal crop insurance program.

(c) Failure to timely submit the NRS policy to FCIC will result in the denial of reinsurance and subsidy for all policies reinsured by FCIC for which the insured has obtained the NRS policy.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on July 10, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket Number EE–RM/TP–97–440]

RIN 1904–AA46

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2001, the Department of Energy published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (66 FR 6768) to revise the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps. The notice announced that the closing date for receiving public comments would be March 23, 2001. The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) requested that the comment period be extended to allow additional time for understanding the lengthy revisions to the test procedures. The Department agreed to this extension of the comment period to May 23, 2001. On June 4, 2001, the ARI requested that the comment period be extended once more to allow additional time for collecting and analyzing data on the cyclic degradation coefficients C_D . The Department agrees to the extension of the comment period to August 16, 2001, for the ARI and other interested parties, for the limited purpose of obtaining information on default values of the cyclic degradation coefficients C_D. If DOE receives further information concerning this issue, it will allow further public comment on this limited issue before issuing a final rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments to: Michael Raymond, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Hearings and Dockets, Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners Including Heat Pumps, Docket No. EE–RM–97–440, EE–41, Room 1J–018, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. You may send an email to: michael.raymond@ee.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

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Copayments for Medications

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend VA's medical regulations to set forth copayment requirements for medications. This document is