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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention available for licensing is: U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/591,207 "Securing Implantable Neuromuscular Electrodes with Mesh".

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Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Poverty Threshold

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice of the weighted average poverty threshold established for 2003 for one person (unrelated individual) as established by the Bureau of the Census. The amount is \$9,393.

DATES: For VA determinations, the 2003 poverty threshold is effective August 26, 2004, the date on which it was established by the Bureau of the Census.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a final rule amending 38 CFR 4.16(a) in the **Federal Register** of August 3, 1990, 55 FR 31,579. The amendment provided that marginal employment generally shall be deemed to exist when a veteran's earned annual income does not exceed the amount established by

the Bureau of the Census as the poverty threshold for one person. The provisions of 38 CFR 4.16(a) use the poverty threshold as a standard in defining marginal employment when considering total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of an individual. We stated we would publish subsequent poverty threshold figures as notices in the **Federal Register**.

The Bureau of the Census recently published the weighted average poverty thresholds for 2003. The threshold for one person (unrelated individual) is \$9,393.

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