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Appendix A

GAO is recommending also that the committees, when established, and with the encouragement and assistance of the VA Central Office, study the feasibility of establishing centralized bulk compounding and purchasing operations within their respective geographical areas.

AGENCY ACTIONS AND UNRESOLVED ISSUES

VA stated that it concurred in GAO's recommendations and would establish such interstation committees.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS

GAO is reporting this matter to inform the Congress of the action planned by VA to provide better medical service to veterans and to effect economies in the pharmacy program.