SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| | Section 13 or 15(d) of s Exchange Act of 1934 |
| | Iarch 11, 2004 |
| | Oate of Report earliest event reported) |
| RITA Medical Systems, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) | |

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-30959 94-3199149

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

967 N. Shoreline Blvd.

Mountain View, CA 94043

(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

(650) 314-3400

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On March 11, 2004, RITA Medical Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (<u>RITA</u>), announced that Japan s Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has approved reimbursement for the treatment of liver cancer with radiofrequency ablation, effective April 1, 2004. A copy of RITA s press release announcing this release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 11, 2004

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.

By: /s/ Donald Stewart

Donald Stewart, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President Finance and Administration

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of RITA Medical Systems, Inc. dated March 11, 2004. |