Summary Measures and Graphs Category of Change: Level of Monthly Benefits (PIA)

Proposed Provision: For all individuals becoming eligible for OASDI benefits in 2009 and later use a new, modified primary insurance amount (PIA) formula. The new formula would use an additional bend point placed between the current 2 bend points. The additional bend point would be equal to the current lower bend point plus 75 percent of the difference between the current bend points. (The new bend point would be at about the 58th percentile of average career earnings levels for new retired worker beneficiaries.) The PIA factor for dollars of average monthly indexed earnings (AIME) between the new bend point and the upper bend point would be lowered from 32 to 20 percent. The PIA factor applied for dollars of AIME above the upper bend point would be lowered from 15 to 10 percent.

Present Law	
Long-Range	Annual
Actuarial	Balance in
Balance	75th Year
-1.70%	-4.20%

Change From Present Law in		
Long-Range		
Actuarial	Annual Balance	
Balance	in 75th Year	
0.28%	0.34%	
	Long-Range Actuarial Balance	

Results with this provision		
Long-Range	Annual	
Actuarial	Balance in	
Balance	75th Year	
-1.41%	-3.86%	



