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§ 3306. Retirement and Disability Insurance Benefits: Amount.

(a) Benefits Payable Before July 1976.

(1) The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount calculated upon an annual basis of nine percent of the first \$5,000 of cumulative covered wages, plus 1.5 percent of cumulative covered wages in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of the next \$15,000, plus 0.75 percent of cumulative covered wages in excess of \$20,000. Wages for employment after commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

(2) If the monthly benefit amount calculated in accordance with subsection (a) of this section is less than \$24 the monthly benefit amount payable shall be \$24.

(b) Benefits Payable After June 1976 and Before July 1977.

(1) The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount calculated upon an annual basis of 9.9 percent of the first \$10,000 of cumulative covered wages, plus 1.65 percent of cumulative covered wages in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of the next \$30,000, plus 0.825 percent of cumulative covered wages in excess of \$40,000. Wages for employment after commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

(2) If the monthly benefit amount calculated in accordance with subsection (a) of this section is less than \$26.40 the monthly benefit amount payable shall be \$26.40.

(c) Benefits Payable In or After July 1977.

The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount as determined under the following table. Wages for employment after commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

**TABLE FOR DETERMINING RETIREMENT AND
DISABILITY BENEFIT AMOUNTS**

If an individual's cumulative covered wages are:

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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
\$ 0	\$ 3,200	\$ 46.50
3,201	3,500	48.40
3,501	3,800	50.20
3,801	4,100	52.10
4,101	4,400	53.90
4,401	4,700	55.80
4,701	5,000	57.70
5,001	5,300	59.50
5,301	5,600	61.30
5,601	5,900	63.20
5,901	6,200	65.10
6,201	6,500	67.00
6,501	6,800	68.80
6,801	7,100	70.60
7,101	7,400	72.50
7,401	7,700	74.40
7,701	8,000	76.20
8,001	8,300	78.10
8,301	8,600	79.90
8,601	8,900	81.80
8,901	9,200	83.60
9,201	9,500	85.50
9,501	9,800	87.40
9,801	10,100	88.70
10,101	10,400	89.00
10,401	10,700	89.30
10,701	11,000	89.60
11,001	11,300	89.90
11,301	11,600	90.20
11,601	11,900	90.60
11,901	12,200	90.90
12,201	12,500	91.20
12,501	12,800	91.50
12,801	13,100	91.80
13,101	13,400	92.10
13,401	13,700	92.40
13,701	14,000	92.70
14,001	14,300	93.10
14,301	14,600	93.40

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14,601	14,900	93.70
14,901	15,200	94.00
15,201	15,500	94.30
15,501	15,800	94.60
15,801	16,100	94.90
16,101	16,400	95.20
16,401	16,700	95.50
16,701	17,000	95.80
17,001	17,300	96.10
17,301	17,600	96.40
17,601	17,900	96.70
17,901	18,200	97.00
18,201	18,500	97.30
18,501	18,800	97.60
18,801	19,100	98.00
19,101	19,400	98.30
19,401	19,700	98.60
19,701	20,000	98.90
20,001	20,300	99.20
20,301	20,600	99.50
20,601	20,900	99.80
20,901	21,200	100.10
21,201	21,500	100.50
21,501	21,800	100.80
21,801	22,100	101.10
22,101	22,400	101.80
22,401	22,700	102.10
22,701	23,000	103.10
23,001	23,300	103.40
23,301	23,600	104.20
23,601	23,900	105.00
23,901	24,200	106.00
24,201	24,500	106.30
24,501	24,800	107.10
24,801	25,100	107.90
25,101	25,400	108.20
25,401	25,700	108.50
25,701	26,000	109.30
26,001	26,300	110.30

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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
26,301	26,600	110.60
26,601	26,900	111.40
26,901	27,200	111.70
27,201	27,500	112.50
27,501	27,800	112.80
27,801	28,100	113.70
28,101	28,200	113.80
28,201	28,500	114.70
28,501	28,800	115.60
28,801	29,100	115.90
29,101	29,400	116.70
29,401	29,700	117.60
29,701	30,000	117.90
30,001	30,300	118.90
30,301	30,600	119.20
30,601	30,900	120.10
30,901	31,200	121.00
31,201	31,500	121.30
31,501	31,800	122.20
31,801	32,100	122.50
32,101	32,400	122.80
32,401	32,700	123.10
32,701	33,000	124.00

(d) Benefits Payable In or After October 1978.

The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount as determined under the following table. Cumulative covered earnings shall not include wages for employment or self-employment income received in the year of commencement of benefits; wages for employment and self-employment income received in the year of commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits or in later years shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages and self-employment income shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

If an individual's cumulative covered earnings are:

<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
\$ 0	\$ 3,200	\$ 65.50
3,201	3,800	67.30
3,801	4,400	69.80
4,401	5,000	72.30
5,001	5,600	74.70
5,601	6,200	77.20
6,201	6,800	79.70
6,801	7,400	82.20
7,401	8,000	84.70
8,001	8,600	87.10
8,601	9,200	89.60
9,201	9,800	92.10
9,801	10,400	93.70
10,401	11,000	94.50
11,001	13,400	95.40
13,401	15,800	97.00
15,801	18,200	98.60
18,201	20,600	100.30
20,601	21,800	101.60
21,801	22,100	101.90
22,101	22,700	102.90
22,701	23,300	104.60
23,301	23,600	105.90
23,601	24,200	107.40
24,201	24,800	109.00
24,801	25,400	110.60
25,401	26,000	111.80
26,001	26,200	113.50
26,201	26,800	114.50
26,801	27,400	115.90
27,401	28,000	117.40
28,001	28,200	118.60
28,201	28,800	120.20
28,801	29,400	121.80
29,401	29,700	123.30
29,701	30,200	124.50
30,201	30,800	126.20
30,801	31,100	127.70
31,101	31,700	129.10

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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
31,701	32,800	130.70
32,801	34,300	132.30
34,301	35,400	134.60
35,401	36,900	136.60
36,901	38,300	138.80
38,301	39,500	140.70
39,501	40,900	142.50
40,901	42,300	144.30
42,301	43,500	145.90
43,501	44,900	147.30
44,901	46,400	149.00
46,401	47,500	150.60
47,501	49,000	152.10
49,001	50,400	153.80
50,401	51,600	155.30
51,601	53,000	157.00
53,001	54,400	158.60
54,001	55,900	159.50

(e) Benefits Payable In or After July 1980.

The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount as determined under the following table. Cumulative covered earnings shall not include wages for employment or self-employment income received in the year of commencement of benefits; wages for employment and self-employment income received in the year of commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits or in later years shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages and self-employment income shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

If an individual's cumulative covered earnings are:

<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
\$ 0	\$ 22,200	\$ 111.50
22,201	22,800	113.20
22,801	23,400	115.80
23,401	23,700	118.00
23,701	24,200	120.00

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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
24,201	24,800	122.60
24,801	25,400	124.90
25,401	26,000	126.80
26,001	26,200	129.40
26,201	26,800	131.60
26,801	27,400	132.70
27,401	28,000	135.90
28,001	28,300	138.40
28,301	28,800	140.60
28,801	29,400	143.30
29,401	29,700	145.40
29,701	30,300	147.80
30,301	30,900	150.60
30,901	31,100	153.10
31,101	31,700	155.30
31,701	32,900	157.80
32,901	34,300	160.00
34,301	35,500	162.40
35,501	36,900	165.00
36,901	38,300	167.40
38,301	39,500	169.70
39,501	40,900	172.00
40,901	42,400	174.50
42,401	43,500	177.10
43,501	45,000	179.20
45,001	46,400	181.80
46,401	47,600	184.10
47,601	49,000	186.50
49,001	50,500	189.10
50,501	51,600	191.20
51,601	53,000	193.80
53,001	54,500	196.10
54,501	55,900	198.70
55,901	57,100	201.20
57,101	58,500	203.40
58,501	59,900	206.10
59,901	61,100	208.50
61,101	62,500	210.40
62,501	64,000	213.20

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<i>At Least:</i>	<i>But Not More Than:</i>	<i>The Monthly Benefit Amount Shall Be:</i>
64,001	65,100	215.50
65,101	66,600	218.10
66,601	68,000	220.50
68,001	69,200	223.20
69,201	70,600	225.30
70,601	72,000	227.50
72,001	73,200	230.30
73,201	74,600	232.60
74,601	76,100	234.60
76,101	77,200	237.50
77,201	78,700	239.70
78,701	80,100	242.30
80,101	81,300	244.60
81,301	82,700	247.00
82,701	84,100	249.60
84,101	85,300	251.60
85,301	86,700	254.40
86,701	88,200	256.50
88,201	89,300	258.90
89,301	90,800	261.60
90,801	92,200	263.70
92,201	93,300	266.20
93,301	94,800	268.80
94,801	96,200	270.90
96,201	97,400	273.70
97,401	98,800	275.60
98,801	100,300	278.20
100,301	101,400	280.90
101,401	102,900	283.00
102,901	104,300	285.70
104,301	105,400	288.00
105,401	106,900	290.20

(f) Benefits Payable In or After January 1985.

The monthly old-age retirement benefit or disability benefit payable to an individual under this division shall be in an amount determined under the following table subject to the procedures specified in subsection (h) of this section.

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**TABLE FOR DETERMINING RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY
BENEFIT AMOUNTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1985**

I <i>Monthly Benefit Amount</i> (Effective July 1980) If an Individual's Monthly Benefit Amount is Less Than or Equal to:	II <i>Average Monthly Wage</i> <i>Or His Average</i> Monthly Wage Is:		III <i>Monthly Benefit</i> <i>Amount</i> Then His Monthly Benefit Amount for January 1985 and After is:
	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
\$ 115.80	\$ 0	\$ 118.18	\$ 115.80
118.00	118.19	119.69	118.00
120.00	119.70	122.22	120.00
122.60	122.23	125.25	122.60
124.90	125.26	128.28	124.90
126.80	128.29	131.31	126.80
129.40	131.31	132.32	129.40
131.60	132.33	135.35	131.60
132.70	135.36	138.38	132.70
135.90	138.39	141.41	135.90
138.40	141.42	142.92	138.40
140.60	142.93	145.45	140.60
143.30	145.46	148.48	143.30
145.40	148.49	150.00	145.40
147.80	150.01	153.03	147.80
150.60	153.04	156.06	150.60
153.10	156.07	157.07	153.10
155.30	157.08	160.10	155.30
157.80	160.11	166.16	157.80
160.00	166.17	173.23	160.00
162.40	173.24	179.29	162.40
165.00	179.30	186.36	165.00
167.40	186.37	193.43	167.40
169.70	193.44	199.49	169.70
172.00	199.50	206.56	172.00
174.50	206.57	214.14	174.50
177.10	214.15	219.69	177.10
179.20	219.70	227.27	179.20
181.80	227.28	234.34	181.80

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	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
184.10	234.35	240.40	184.10
186.50	240.41	247.47	186.50
189.10	247.48	255.05	189.10
191.20	255.06	260.60	191.20
193.80	260.61	267.67	193.80
196.10	267.68	275.25	196.10
198.70	275.26	282.32	198.70
201.20	282.33	288.38	201.20
203.40	288.39	295.45	203.40
206.10	295.46	302.52	206.10
208.50	302.53	308.58	208.50
210.40	308.59	315.65	210.40
213.20	315.66	323.23	213.20
215.50	323.24	328.78	215.50
218.10	328.79	336.36	218.10
220.50	336.37	343.43	220.50
223.20	343.44	349.49	223.20
225.30	349.50	356.56	225.30
227.50	356.57	363.63	227.50
230.30	363.64	369.69	230.30
232.60	269.70	376.76	232.60
234.60	376.77	384.34	234.60
237.50	384.35	389.89	237.50
239.70	389.90	397.47	239.70
242.30	397.48	404.54	242.30
244.60	404.55	510.60	244.60
247.00	410.61	417.67	247.00
249.60	417.68	424.74	249.60
251.60	424.75	430.80	251.60
254.40	430.81	437.87	254.40
256.50	437.88	445.45	256.50
258.90	445.46	451.01	258.90
261.60	451.02	458.58	261.60
263.70	458.59	465.65	263.70

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	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
266.20	465.66	471.21	266.20
268.80	471.22	478.78	268.80
270.79	478.79	485.85	270.90
273.70	485.86	491.91	273.70
275.60	491.92	498.98	275.60
278.20	498.99	506.56	278.20
280.90	506.57	512.12	280.90
283.00	512.13	519.69	283.00
285.70	519.70	526.76	285.70
288.00	526.77	532.32	288.00
290.20	532.33	540.00	290.20
	540.01	550.00	293.40
	550.01	560.00	296.60
	560.01	570.00	299.80
	570.01	580.00	303.00
	580.01	590.00	306.20
	590.01	600.00	309.40
	600.01	610.00	312.60
	610.01	620.00	315.80
	620.01	630.00	319.00
	630.01	640.00	322.20
	640.01	650.00	325.40
	650.01	660.00	328.60
	660.01	670.00	331.80
	670.01	680.00	335.00
	680.01	690.00	338.20
	690.01	700.00	341.40
	700.01	710.00	344.60
	710.01	720.00	347.80
	720.01	730.00	351.00
	730.01	740.00	354.20
	740.01	750.00	357.40

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	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
	750.01	760.00	360.60
	760.01	770.00	363.80
	770.01	780.00	367.00
	780.01	790.00	370.20
	790.01	800.00	373.40
	800.01	810.00	376.60
	810.01	820.00	378.10
	820.01	830.00	379.60
	830.01	840.00	381.10
	840.01	850.00	382.60
	850.01	860.00	384.10
	860.01	870.00	385.60
	870.01	880.00	387.10
	880.01	890.00	388.60
	890.01	900.00	390.10
	900.01	910.00	391.60
	910.01	920.00	393.10
	920.01	930.00	394.60
	930.01	940.00	396.10
	940.01	950.00	397.60
	950.01	960.00	399.10
	960.01	970.00	400.60
	970.01	980.00	402.10
	980.01	990.00	403.60
	990.01	1,000.00	405.10
	1,000.01	1,010.00	406.60
	1,010.01	1,020.00	408.10
	1,020.01	1,030.00	409.60
	1,030.01	1,040.00	411.10
	1,040.01	1,050.00	412.60
	1,050.01	1,060.00	414.10

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	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
	1,060.01	1,070.00	415.60
	1,070.01	1,080.00	417.10
	1,080.01	1,090.00	418.60
	1,090.01	1,100.00	420.10
	1,100.01	1,110.00	421.60
	1,110.01	1,120.00	423.10
	1,120.01	1,130.00	424.60
	1,130.01	1,140.00	426.10
	1,140.01	1,150.00	427.60
	1,150.01	1,160.00	429.10
	1,160.01	1,170.00	430.60
	1,170.01	1,180.00	432.10
	1,180.01	1,190.00	433.60
	1,190.01	1,200.00	435.10
	1,200.01	1,210.00	436.60
	1,210.01	1,220.00	438.10
	1,220.01	1,230.00	439.60
	1,230.01	1,240.00	441.10
	1,240.01	1,250.00	442.60
	1,250.01	1,260.00	444.10
	1,260.01	1,270.00	445.60
	1,270.01	1,280.00	447.10
	1,280.01	1,290.00	448.60
	1,290.01	1,300.00	450.10
	1,300.01	1,310.00	451.60
	1,310.01	1,320.00	453.10
	1,320.01	1,330.00	454.60
	1,330.01	1,340.00	456.10
	1,340.01	1,350.00	457.60
	1,350.01	1,360.00	459.10
	1,360.01	1,370.00	460.60

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	<i>At</i> <i>Least:</i>	<i>But Not</i> <i>More Than:</i>	
	1,370.01	1,380.00	462.10
	1,380.01	1,390.00	463.60
	1,390.01	1,400.00	465.10
	1,400.01	1,410.00	466.60
	1,410.01	1,420.00	468.10
	1,420.01	1,430.00	469.60
	1,430.01	1,440.00	471.10
	1,440.01	1,450.00	472.60
	1,450.01	1,460.00	474.10
	1,460.01	1,470.00	475.60
	1,470.01	1,480.00	477.10
	1,480.01	1,490.00	478.60
	1,490.01	1,500.00	480.10
	1,500.01	1,510.00	481.60
	1,510.01	1,520.00	483.10
	1,520.01	1,530.00	484.60
	1,530.01	1,540.00	486.10
	1,540.01	1,550.00	487.60
	1,550.01	1,560.00	489.10
	1,560.01	1,570.00	490.60
	1,570.01	1,580.00	492.10
	1,580.01	1,590.00	493.60
	1,590.01	1,600.00	495.10
	1,600.01	1,610.00	496.60
	1,610.01	1,620.00	498.10
	1,620.01	1,630.00	499.60
	1,630.01	1,640.00	501.10
	1,640.01	1,650.00	502.60
	1,650.01	1,660.00	504.10
	1,660.01	1,670.00	505.60
	1,670.01	1,680.00	507.10

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(g) For the purposes of determining old-age and disability insurance benefits in any calendar year after 1985, the benefit table in subsection (f) of this section (or deemed in subsection (f) of this section) that was in effect in the year immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are being determined, shall be revised by:

(1) Revising the date in the title of the table and in column III to be January of the year for which benefits are being determined;

(2) For benefits in any calendar year following a year in which a cost-of-living increase (or any other general benefit increase) was effective for Social Security benefits paid under the United States Social Security System, increasing the amounts shown in column III for the previous calendar year by the percentage increase applicable in the previous calendar year in the United States Social Security System and rounding the result, if not an even multiple of \$.10, to the next lower multiple of \$.10;

(3) Extending column II by (A) dividing the maximum cumulative covered earnings that could be credited to an individual's record from July 1968 through the year before the year for which benefits are being determined by 96, (B) adding new lines to the right-hand column of column II determined by adding \$10 to the amount shown in the previous line and continuing to add new lines by repeating this procedure until an amount exceeding the amount determined in subsection (g)(3)(A) of this section is reached and (C) increasing the amount shown in the right-hand column of the previous line by \$.01 to determine the amount to be shown in each line of the left-hand column of column II;

(4) For each line added to column II per subsection (g)(3) of this section, extending column III (as adjusted, when required, by subsection (g)(2) of this section) by adding \$1.50 to the amount shown in this column on the previous; and

(5) For the purposes of revising the benefit table as provided by this subsection (g) of this section;

(A) Revising the date in the heading of column I to be the month that the most recent benefit table went into effect, and

(B) Substituting the amounts shown in column III of the most recent benefit table (including amounts for which there was no corresponding column I amount on the same line) for the amounts shown in column I of said benefit table.

(6) The benefit table thus revised by this subsection (g) of this section shall be deemed to be in subsection (f) of this section for purposes of this division.

(h) To use the benefit table provided in subsection (or deemed to be in subsection) (f) of this section:

(1) Determine cumulative covered earnings credited to the individual's record since July 1, 1968. Cumulative covered earnings shall not include wages

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for employment or self-employment income received in the year of commencement of benefits; wages for employment and self-employment income received in the year of commencement of payments for old-age or disability insurance benefits or in later years shall be included in benefit calculations upon subsequent application for benefits, but such wages and self-employment income shall be applicable for benefits for months after the calendar year in which such earnings were received.

(2) Determine the average monthly wage by dividing the cumulative covered earnings determined in subsection (h)(1) of this section by the greater of (A) 96 months, or (B) the number of months elapsing beginning July 1968 or January of the year after the year in which the individual attains age 21, whichever is later, through December of the year prior to the year in which the individual attains age 62, becomes disabled, or dies, whichever is earlier, excluding months in years in which the individual is under a disability. The average monthly wage as computed in this subsection, if not an even multiple of \$.01, shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of \$.01.

(3) The monthly benefit payable (except as modified by 3 CMC § 3307 in the case of survivors' or dependents' benefits) is the monthly benefit amount that appears in column III in the benefit table on the same line as the monthly benefit amount shown in column I that had been payable for the month preceding the month in which the new benefit table becomes effective or, if greater, the monthly benefit amount that appears in the benefit table in column III on the same line as the average monthly wage as computed in subsection (h)(2) of this section; and

(i) If a person entitled to a disability insurance benefit under this division is receiving a periodic worker's compensation benefit, the amount of the monthly disability benefit otherwise determined under this section and the amount of the monthly benefit payable to a dependent spouse or dependent children of such disabled individual under 3 CMC § 3307(b) shall be reduced by the excess of the sum of the worker's compensation benefit for that month and such disability insurance and dependents' benefit for that month over 80 percent of one-twelfth of the highest annual covered wages in the period consisting of the year in which the disability occurred and the preceding five years. If a worker's compensation benefit was payable in periodic benefits but was commuted to a lump sum, for purposes of this subsection it will be considered that the periodic benefit originally available was paid in each month that it would have been paid if the commutation had not occurred. Whenever a reduction is made under this subsection in the total of benefits otherwise payable for any month under this division, each benefit, except the disability insurance benefit, shall first be proportionately decreased, and any excess of such reduction over the sum of all such benefits other than the disability insurance benefits shall then be applied to such disability insurance benefit.

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Source: DL 5-12, § 1; amended by DL 5-25, § 4; PL 1-27, § 15; PL 2-6, § 3; PL 4-27, § 6; PL 4-65, § 3.

Commission Comment: The Commission inserted a colon in place of a dash in the heading of this section to conform the heading to the style used elsewhere in the code. According to PL 3-90, § 7(a) (reprinted in the preface material, prior to title 1), “section headings . . . do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of this Code.”