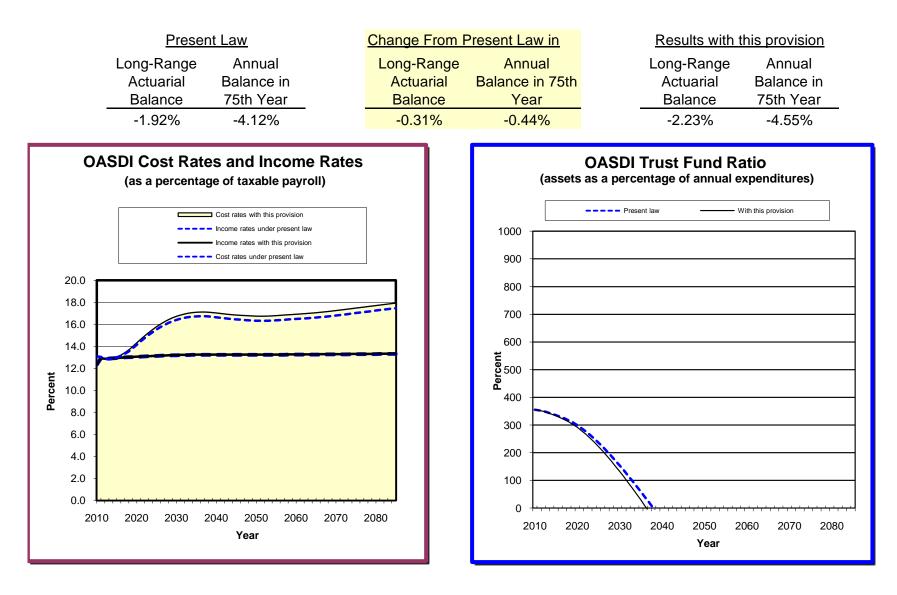
## Summary Measures and Graphs Category of Change: Level of Monthly Benefits (PIA)

Proposed Provision: Beginning in 2011, increase the special minimum benefit by making the following changes: (a) A year of coverage is defined to be either a childcare year or a year in which 4 quarters of coverage are earned. Childcare years are granted to parents who have a child under 5, with a limit of 8 such years. (b) At implementation, set the PIA for 30 years of coverage equal to 125 percent of the monthly poverty level (about \$1,128 in 2009). The PIA per year of coverage (after the first 10 years) would be \$1,128/20 = \$56.40. (c) Index the initial PIA per year of coverage by wage growth for successive cohorts, so that the special minimum keeps up with the wage-indexed benefit formula.



Estimates based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2010 Trustees Report

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