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Please be advised that the Social Security offset established by G.L. c.152, §§34B and 35F, pertains only to Social Security Disability and Social Security Income benefits. It does not apply to other types of Social Security benefits such as Retirement and Survivor's benefits. Therefore, the offset does not affect workers' compensation beneficiaries who have reached the requisite age for receiving Social Security Retirement benefits (62 or 65). In addition if any offset was in effect prior to the time the recipient became eligible for such benefits, it should be discontinued at that time.

The cost-of-living adjustment for any person aged 62/65 or over, should be paid at the full amount allowed by the cost-of-living table of multipliers set out in the appropriate Circular Letter.