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Newsletter for October 2018

There is still nothing that will change Medicare or Social Security. We may be in trouble during the lame duck period in mid November.

The Senate put in its 2019 omnibus budget bill a provision to give Federal employees a COLA of 1.9%. It is not in the House version. It will, however, probably be in the final bill. Retirees will get about 3% for CSRS and 2% for FERS. We will know the exact amount on October 15th.

There may be Federal layoffs if an omnibus budget bill doesn't pass after the election. Nobody wanted to layoff feds just before the election. This year (2019 FY) doesn't look good for employees with massive realignment of agencies. OPM regulations will come directly from the west wing. Human resource functions will be handled by DOD for all agencies. GOOD LUCK!