ADVISORY:   UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO.  8-16

TO:        STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM:      PORTIA WU /s/  
          Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT:  Social Security Annuities and Federal Civilian Pensions

1. Purpose. To ensure states are aware that: 1) the social security survivors and old age retirement annuities and the Federal civilian pensions annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will not increase for calendar year 2016, and 2) COLA information may be found on the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Web site.


3. Summary. States that have laws requiring a reduction of the unemployment insurance (UI) weekly benefit amount by the prorated weekly amount of retired pay and pensions should ensure that their UI systems are programmed for the COLA amount, which remains at the 2015 amount since there was no increase for 2016.

4. Action Requested. State Administrators are requested to provide the above information to appropriate staff.

5. Inquiries. Please direct all inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.