

## DELTA DISABLED PILOTS AND SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

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## DELTA SURVIVOR RECEIVES CORRECTION OF DECEASED PILOT'S LONG TERM DISABILITY (LTD) BENEFIT

Delta has notified a survivor of a disabled pilot that she will be receiving a check as a result of the ongoing audit of LTD benefits. The check, which compensates for errors in her deceased husband's LTD account, will be made payable to the pilot's estate.

The errors in LTD accounts of deceased pilots generally fall into the following two categories:

<u>The Social Security offset error:</u> This error generally is applicable in the case of deceased pilots only if the pilot was receiving LTD benefits, had retired and deceased after age 65.

<u>Variable increases to the offset to LTD benefits:</u> This error generally applies only to pilots who were receiving LTD benefits and retired before April 2000 or between April 2003 and April 2005.

Further explanation of these two errors can be found in the December 22, 2015 News release which is available on the DDPSA website at www.ddpsa.org.

Because the correction of LTD benefits is paid to the estate of the deceased pilots, children or heirs as well as spouses may want to contact Delta. Documentation of the pilot's final PBGC worksheet will be required (unless the pilot deceased prior to termination of the Delta Pilots Retirement Plan in September 2006). If authorized to do so, Delta often will process requests for the PBGC documentation.

DDPSA will continue to monitor developments relating to the D&S Plan.