## **Goal: Getting Payments Right**

Program or Activity Military Retirement

Reporting Period Q4 2020

## Change from Previous FY (\$M)

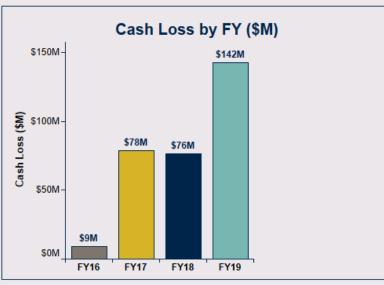
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<u>Brief Program Description:</u>
Retired and Annuitant Pay is responsible for payments of retired and annuity accounts, including account establishment, maintenance and termination.

Key I	Milestones	Status	ECD
1	Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	On-Track	Nov-20
2	Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	On-Track	Nov-20
3	Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Oct-21
4	Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Nov-20
5	Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Oct-21



Quarterly Progress Goals		Status	Notes	ECD	
1	Q4 2020	Implementation of training plan for those affected by this policy/processing change. Ensure knowledge of new processing procedures for establishing new annuity accounts.	On-Track	N/A	Dec-20
2	Q4 2020	Preparing for start of DIC offset phase out which is set to begin January 2021. Continue to inform all interested parties of the change, its phase out dates, and how it will affect current and future annuity accounts.	On-Track	N/A	Dec-20

Recent Accomplishments		
1	Implemented system changes continue to reduce improper payments of retired and annuity cases, resulting in continuous improvement in improper payment rates.	Jun-20
2	System changes continue to reduce cases, nearly eliminating backlogs.	Jun-20

Amt(\$)	Root Cause	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Anticipated Impact of Mitigation
\$142M	Administrative or process errors made by: federal agency	DFAS processes a cost refund after DIC establishment on the annuity account which is a labor intensive process for Annuity Pay. In addition, SBP portion of accounts established incorrectly due to failure to update account based on DD2656 data.	Internal Process or Policy Change	The automation efforts will reduce the number of technician input errors and allow more focus on the research of the annuity account. Phase out of cost refund will decrease workload over time until none remain.

Cash Loss - Cash loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.