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F/O First Class Medical Change Reversed: The FAA has reversed its recent position on medical certification for First Officers. The previous rule requiring a 2nd class medical (unless over 40 or as required for operations) will still apply. ALPA sought this reversal and supports it.

iALPA: With iALPA, a PDF reader on your iOS or Android tablet device can download and archive Delta MEC publications. You can sync folders with up-to-date information, making it accessible without an Internet connection. Credit for the idea and our gratitude go the creators of iPubs. iALPA instructions are on the MEC Communications Committee page.

International cities flown under domestic FARs: The Company is now publishing a list of international cities that are operated under domestic FARs. The list can be found in all bid packages. It is important to note that those cities are still considered international cities by the PWA and *this does not affect international override pay.*

Phone Polling Ongoing: MEC polling by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center began July 5th. The caller ID will display "NH Call," "UNH Call," and/or a 603 area code. Participation is confidential. This is a scientific, statistically valid, random survey of every pilot demographic. If you get the call, please take the time to be heard.

AirWatch Feedback: Pilot feedback on AirWatch/Content Locker submitted via Flight Crew Report (FCR) is your opportunity to make a difference. Submit feedback now, even if you have done so in the past. If you prefer to submit feedback to ALPA directly, e-mail DALTraining@alpa.org.

"Study Break" PUBs: Training? Take a break and socialize with negotiators, reps, committee chairs, and ALPA officers. Find out what's going on; ask your questions. Food and drinks provided. Study Break PUBs will be held weekly this summer with the next one on Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-8:30PM, Holiday Inn and Suites ATL Airport.

Verify A Sick Call? If you attempted a verification and were denied, you are strongly encouraged to re-submit your documentation.

Contract Admin needs information on sick call verification since June 1. We need: Who, what, and when - and the outcome. See *Contract Awareness Bulletin 13-05 – Sick Verification*. E-mail DALContractQuestions@alpa.org or call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for Contract Admin.

Delta Health Rewards Credit Deadline: September 30 is the deadline to receive Delta Health Rewards Program credits. See the "My Self Service" page on DeltaNet. If you are an active pilot on 3/31/2013 and/or 9/30/2013, you will automatically receive Delta Health Rewards points for an annual physical exam.

Inactive pilots and spouses: Take a Provider Notification Form to your annual physical exam and ask the provider to complete and return the form (available on the Benefit Forms page, Employee Connection, DeltaNet).

Tobacco users: Enroll in the Delta Health Direct "Quit Tobacco" program soon to meet the September 30 deadline.

Report Jumpseat Issues: For Jumpseat issues on Delta or DCI, submit a JSAP and FCR. For issues with other airlines, file a JSAP only. The JSAP form is on the DAL MEC website, Jumpseat Committee page. Committee contact: DALMECjumpseat@alpa.org.

Upcoming Council Meetings:
Council 1: Wednesday, July 24, 10AM-1PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Mall of America
Council 44: Thursday, August 1, 11AM–2PM, location TBD
Council 54: Monday, August 12, 10AM – 2PM, SeaTac conference center, London Room
Council 20: Monday, August 12, Noon – 3PM, McNamara Terminal, Detroit Metro Airport, Crew Lounge

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