

“We agree that, in some cases, the system takes too long. The parties have been discussing what can be done to simplify and speed up the process. They recently agreed to immediately grant T&P benefits to players already receiving social security disability benefits. The benefit package for NFL players is an evolving process, and efforts are ongoing. The new 88 Plan to address the needs of players with dementia is one of many recent improvements.”

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