

## ACH Phase 2: Important Information about Automatic Debits

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You may see a change in the way automatic debits clear your account, due to the second phase of the *Same Day ACH* rule enacted by the National Automated Clearing House (NACHA). NACHA administers operating rules for Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments processed by financial institutions, including Members Choice Credit Union (MCCU). The first phase of this rule was effective September 23, 2016 and concerned ACH credits. This second phase of the *Same Day ACH* rule allows for same day processing of ACH debits. ACH debits include:

- Electronic payments
- Automatic drafts
- Paper check conversions
- Any electronic withdrawal from your account utilizing MCCU's routing and transit number.

Once this rule is in effect, any ACH debit can clear on the same day it is initiated. For example, if you write a check at a retailer and it is converted into an electronic payment, it can clear the same day it is written. Currently ACH withdrawals will generally clear a member's account within two business days after being initiated.

Please take this rule into consideration when you have ACH debits deducted from your account. MCCU has no control over when the ACH files are received and you may need to make changes to ensure funds are available in your account to cover your automatic debits.

If you have automatic drafts, such as your water bill, power bill, cable bill, etc. this would be a good time to review your agreement with your service provider and verify the effective date of your payment, as it will be deducted from your account on that day.

If you have any questions about how the new Same Day ACH rule can affect your automatic debits, please call us at 281.398.9900 or 800.753.2428 and we will be happy to assist you.