AVAILABLE ACH TRANSACTION OPTIONS WITH CU*ANSWERS

Business Members, Consumer Members & Your Credit Union



For Business Members, Consumer Members, and Your Credit Union

Your credit union processes Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments every day. You may not be aware, however, of *how many channels* there are where CU*Answers interacts with ACH transactions on a daily basis for your business member and consumer member, and even for your credit union.

As you begin to compile a list, you may think immediately of incoming and outgoing ACH transfers and deposits you process. You might also have thought of Account-to-Account transfers (incoming and outgoing A2A transfers).

It might be surprising to learn there are twenty-five different ways that your business member, your consumer member, and your credit union interact with available ACH transaction options with CU*Answers on a daily basis.

The following three lists demonstrate the many ways CU*Answers products (CU*BASE, **It's Me 247** and **It's My Biz 247**) interact through ACH-delivered channels. Additional details are provided following the listing. Documentation links are provided for each option to learn more.

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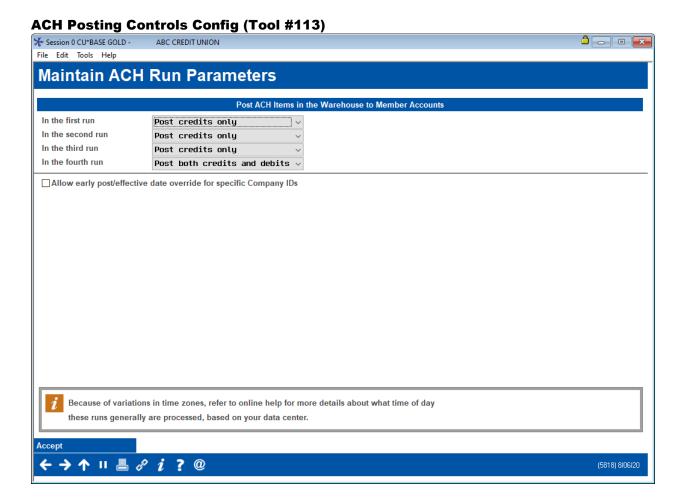
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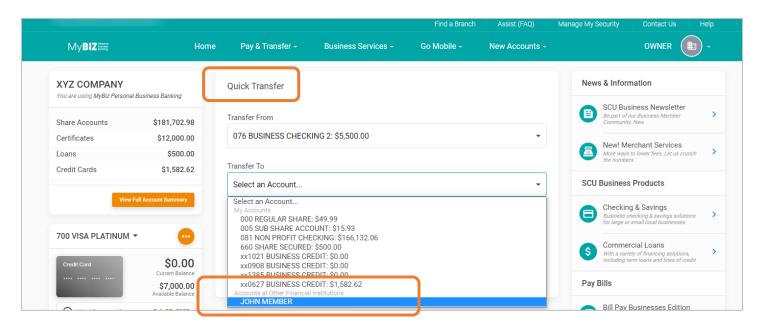
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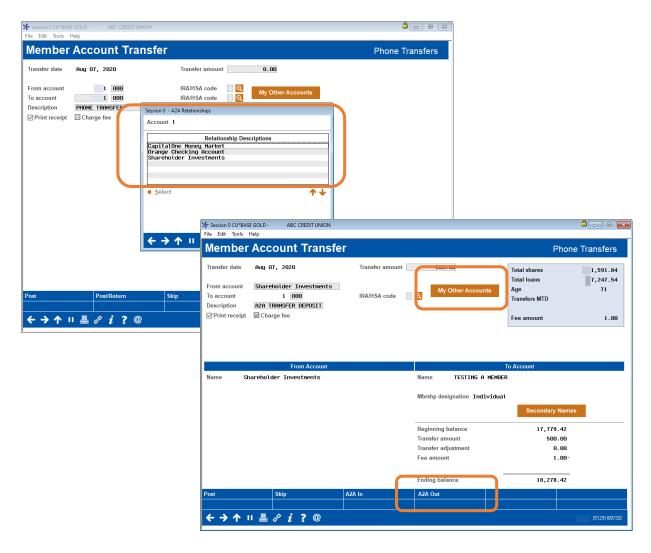
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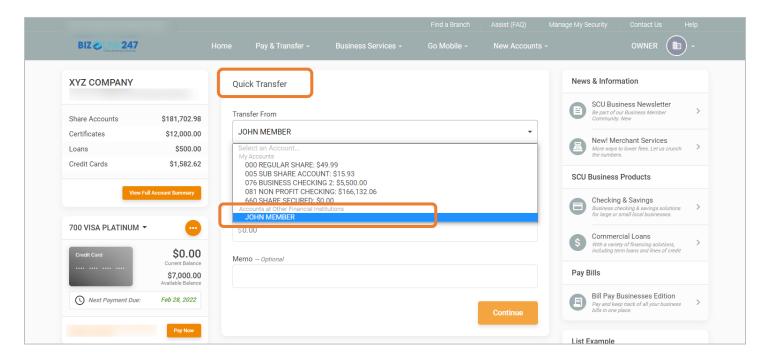
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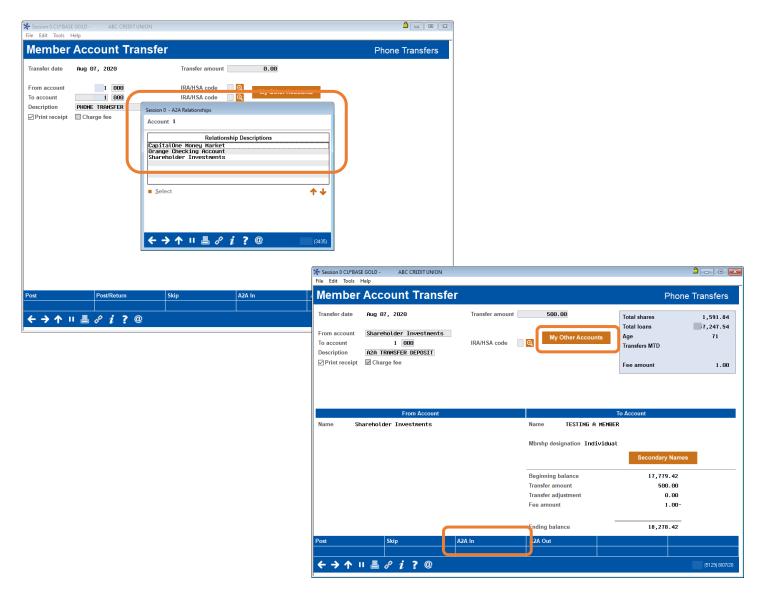
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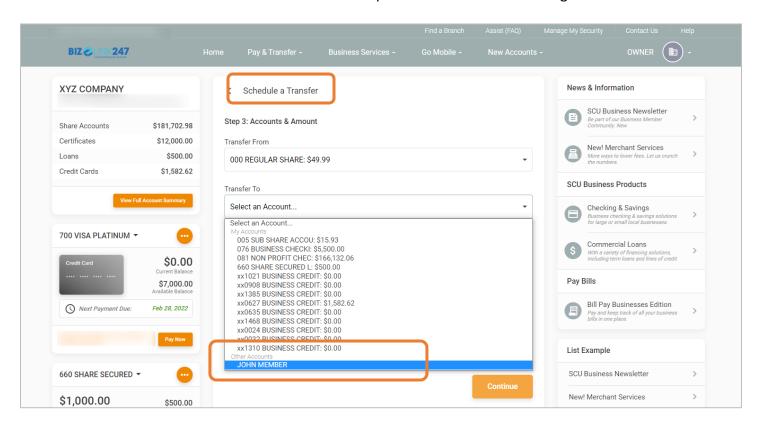
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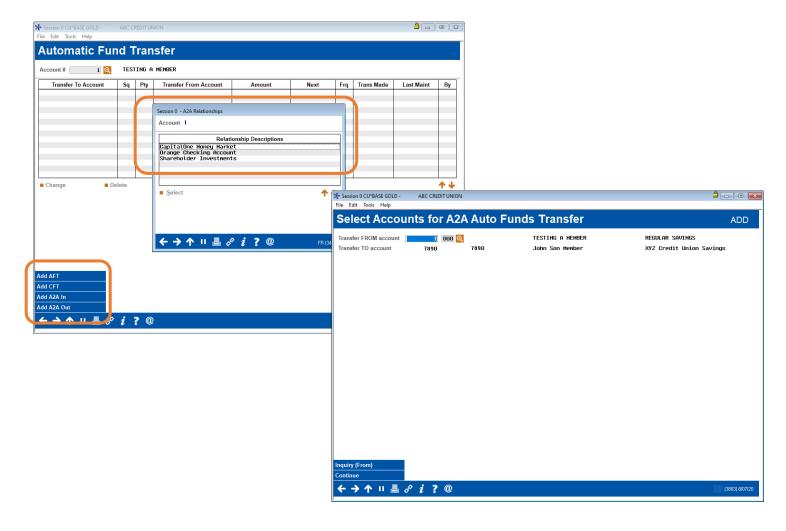
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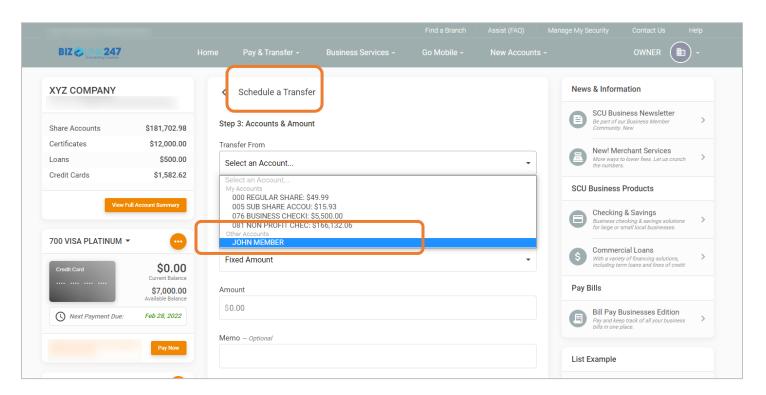
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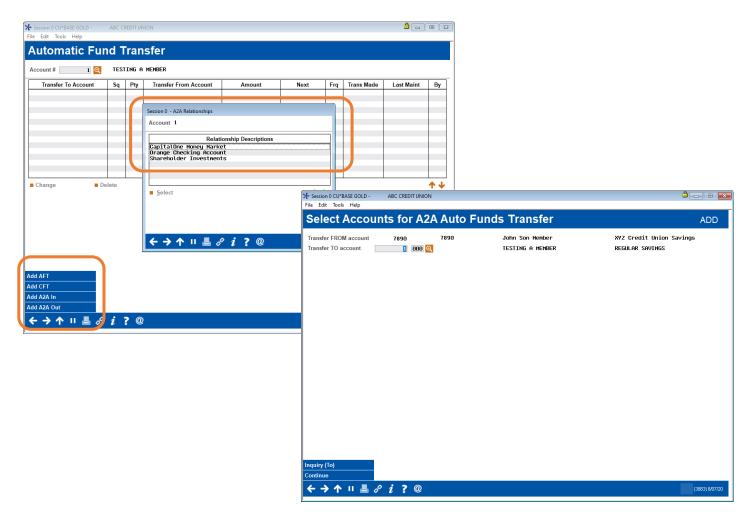
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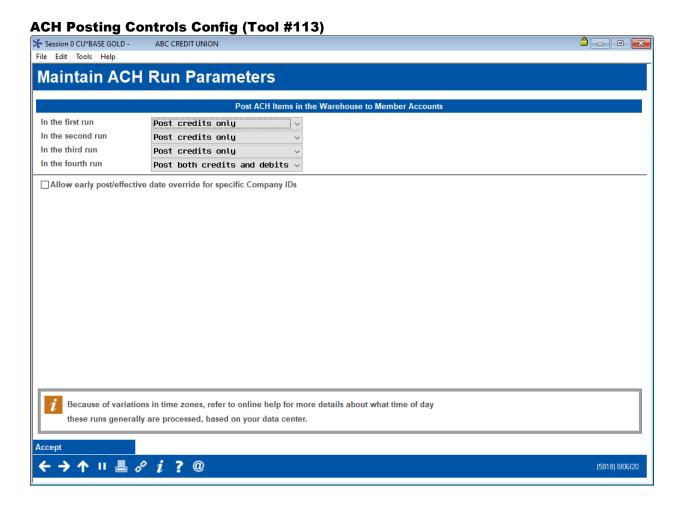
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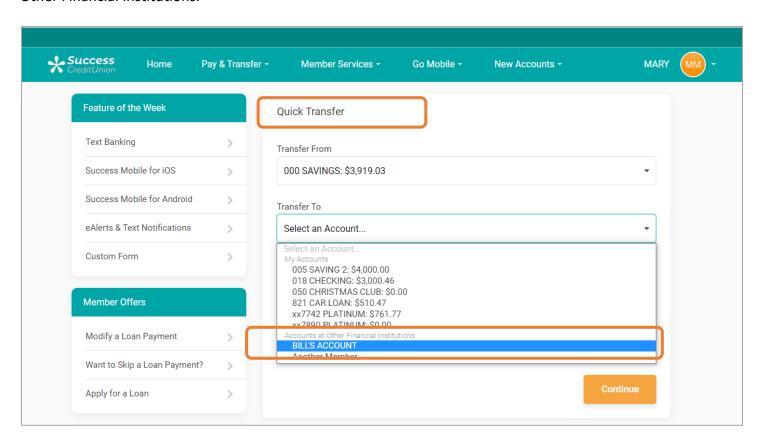
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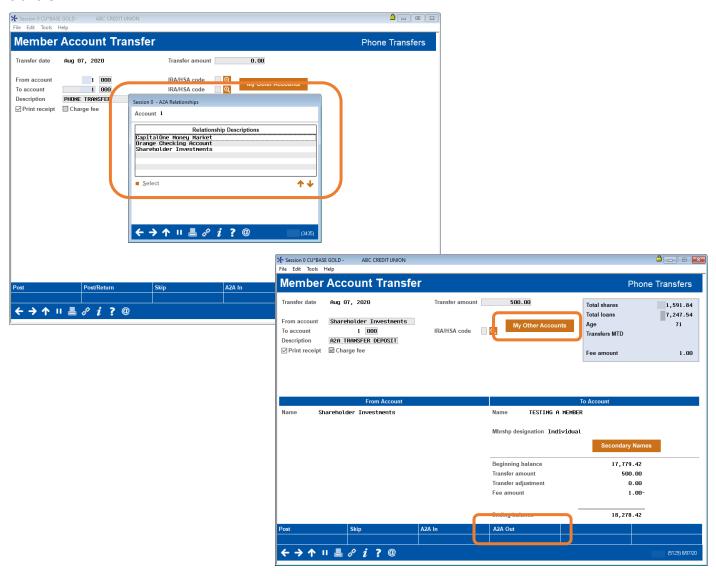
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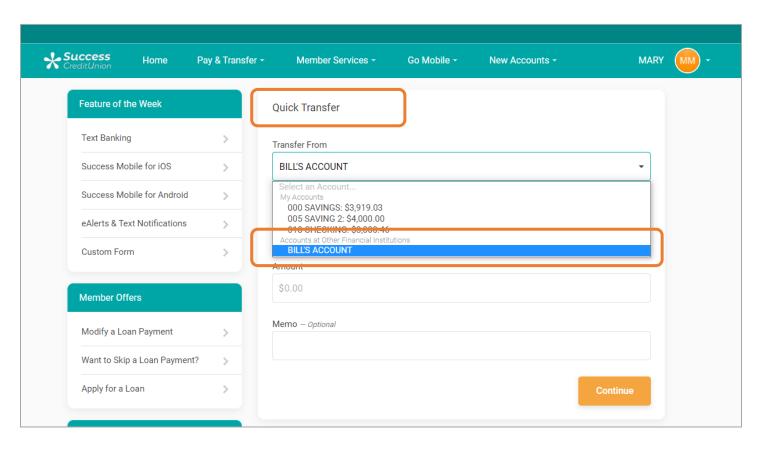
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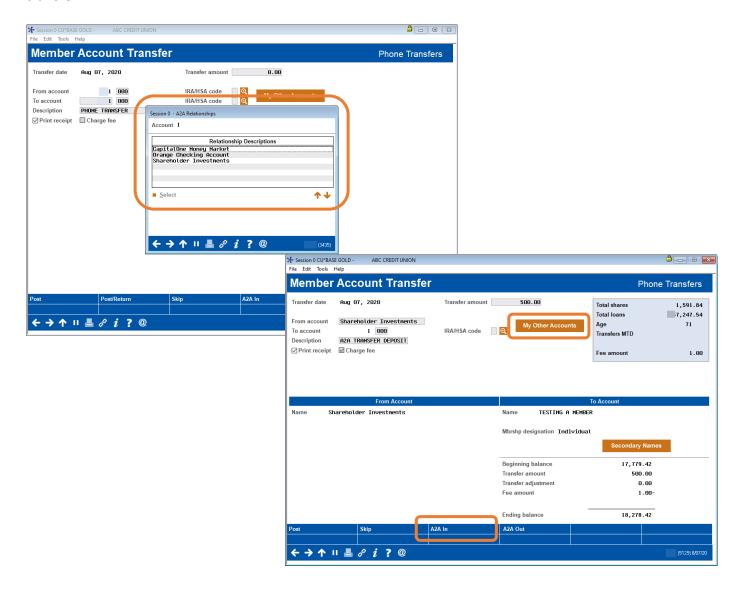
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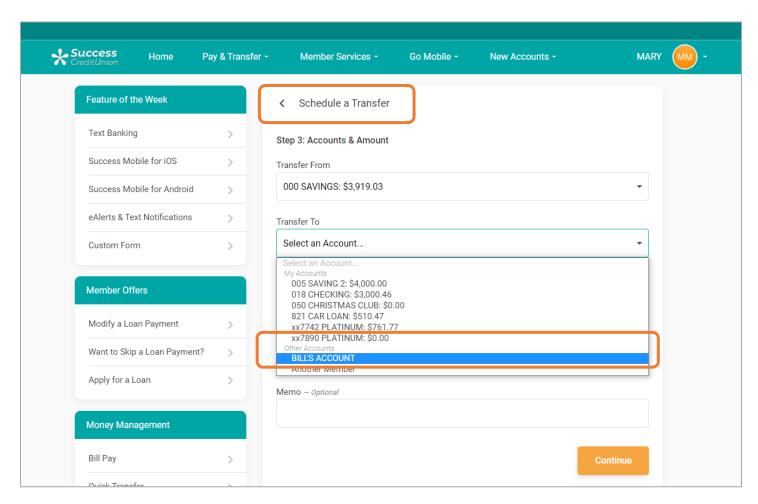
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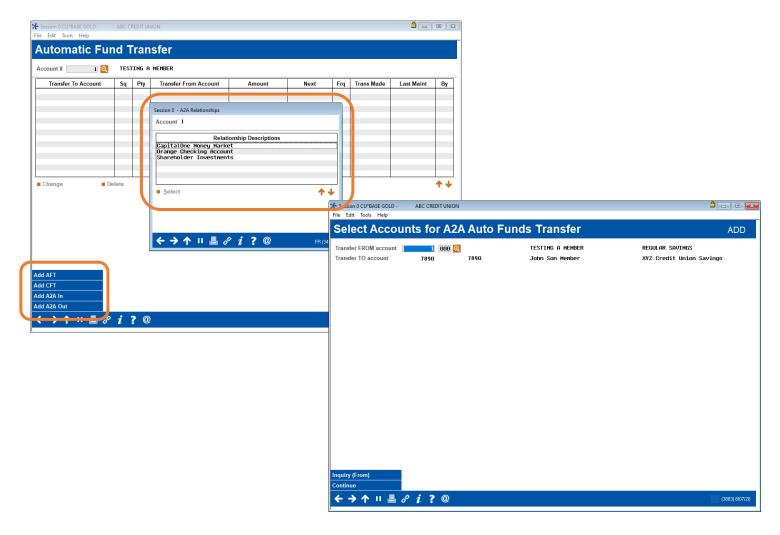
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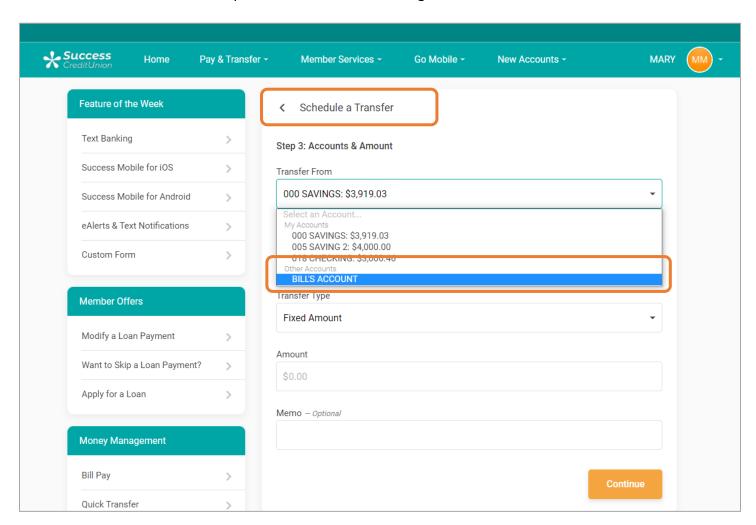
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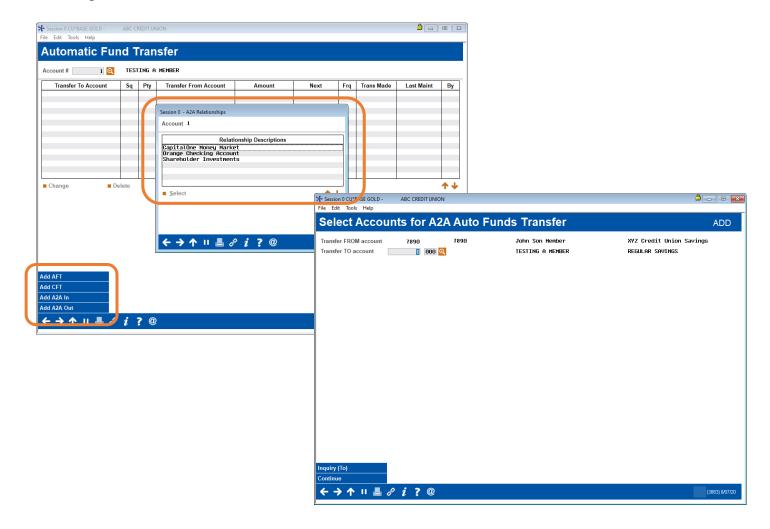
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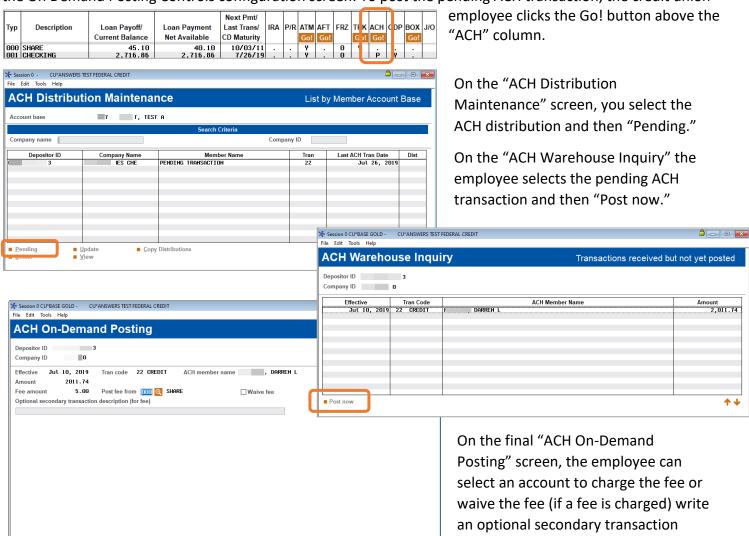
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How does the credit union employee make this ACH transaction for the member?

First the credit union must activate the posting of these ACH transactions in Phone Operator. This is done in the On Demand Posting Controls configuration screen. To post the pending ACH transaction, the credit union



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Then to complete the process, the employee clicks "Post," and the money

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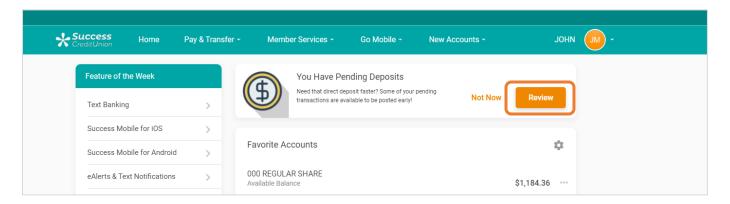
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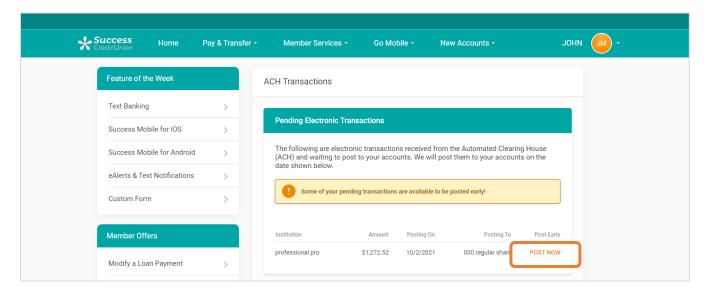
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How does the credit union employee make this ACH transaction for the member?

The member is notified that an ACH transaction can be posted early and clicks "Review" to learn more.



To post the pending ACH transaction, the member accesses their pending ACH transactions and clicks "Post Now."



Then the member selects the account to pay the fee (if charged) and uses "Accept Fee & Post," and the funds are available to the member.

FOR THE CREDIT UNION

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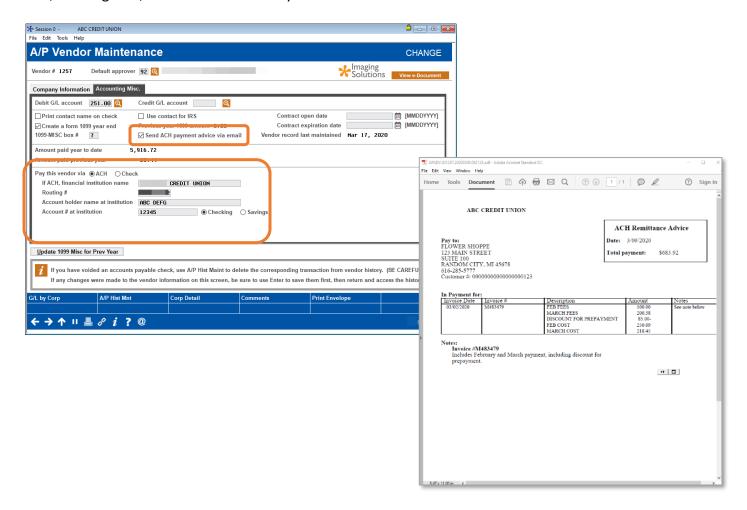
What kind of ACH transaction is this?

This feature allows the credit union to pay vendor bills with ACH payments. The credit union can decide which vendor to pay via ACH rather than via check. To assist with communication, credit unions can also send a Payment Advice email to the vendor alerting them that the payment has been made. This includes a PDF listing the payments the vendor received in their ACH payment. (If multiple payments are made to a vendor, they are sent as one ACH payment.)

How does the credit union make these ACH transactions?

After setting up a relationship with Magic Writer, the credit union activates the feature in **Tool #1900** *Workflow Controls: Accounts Payable* and sets up ACH payment information and optionally activates the Payment Advice configuration at the vendor level **Tool #990** *Work With Accounts Payable Vendors*.

When ACH vendor payments are processed on the same screen used to make check vendor payments. At that time, if configured, the email with the Payment Advice PDF is sent to the vendor.



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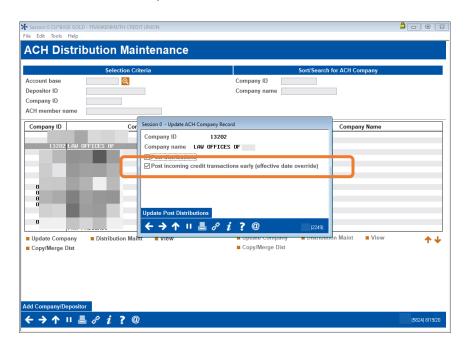
This feature allows the credit union to override effective date restrictions, which control when incoming credits can be posted for a specific company ID. This allows the credit union to automatically force-post ACH deposits prior to when they would normally hit the members' accounts, as a special service for certain companies.

This feature is used to post transactions immediately when they arrive in the ACH file.

How does the credit union make these ACH transactions?

The credit union first activates this feature in **Tool #113 ACH Posting Controls Config** by checking the allow early post/effective date override for specific Company IDs.

On the ACH Distribution Maintenance screen (*Tool #989: Work With ACH Members/Companies*) the credit union turns on this feature by company by selecting a company ID and "Update Company." On the detail screen, the credit union checks "Post incoming credit transactions early (effective date override)." Finally. the credit union clicks "Update Post Distributions."



Then every time incoming pending ACH deposits are received for this company ID, they are posted, regardless of the ACH Posting Controls. (If a one-time solution is desired, the credit union should not use this feature.)

NOTE: CU*BASE account payments made via ACH do not pay attention to any limits entered in CU*BASE via **Tool #569** *Online/Mobile/Text Banking VMS Config* > A2A.

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Posting an ACH item directly to a G/L account. Learn more.

What kind of ACH transaction is this?

If the credit union is already paying an ACH from a vendor, the credit union can automatically this ACH debit to a vendor for historical tracking of a vendor payment by selecting the vendor in the ACH Distribution Maintenance screen.

How does the credit union make these ACH transactions?

The credit union accessed the ACH Distribution Maintenance screen, accessed via (**Tool #989: Work With ACH Members/Companies**). In the "Account or /G/L #" field, the credit union enters the **G/L Distributions**. If a *Distribution tran type* of "GL" is entered, the *Acct/GL* # field will be interpreted as the G/L account number and must be a valid G/L account, entered as follows:

- CCBBAAAAA (CC=Corp ID, BB=Branch ID, AAAAA=GL Acct#)
- Ex: **014037011** (Corp 01, Branch 40, GL Account 370-11)
- When adding a G/L account for ACH distribution, make sure your "Distribution type" is set to "Credit to G/L account" or "Debit to G/L account."

Additionally, if you wish to tie this ACH transaction to a vendor, use the lookup next to "For G/L transaction types, tie to history for vendor #."

