

Hello, I'm Doug Fecher, I'd like to help you better understand how a change in federal regulations may affect the way you use your Wright-Patt Credit Union debit card.

This new regulation goes into effect on August 15th and will change the way financial institutions handle debit card and ATM transactions when there isn't enough money in an account.

The new regulation gives you a choice whether you'd like us to prevent your account from being overdrawn, or whether you'd like to make sure your debit transactions approved even if it means drawing your account negative and resulting in a fee.

You will see two changes in how we handle your Wright-Patt Credit Union debit and ATM transactions.

First, we will ask you whether you'd like your debit NSF transactions denied to keep your account from being overdrawn, or whether you'd like your debit card to work even if it means drawing your account negative. Second, we will begin placing debit card purchase transactions in a "pending" status to help avoid accidental overdrafts. The "pending status" will instantly hold the amount of debit purchases so money is available when transactions clear your account.

This "pending status" change is probably what you'll notice most. A benefit of this change is you'll be able to see pending debit transactions using home banking.

In the past, some members may have benefited because of the delay between when they used their debit card to buy something and when the purchase actually cleared their account. Because money in the account was considered available during the processing delay, additional debit card purchases could be authorized. After August 15th you will be required to have enough money in your account for each debit card purchase you make or risk having new debit transactions declined.

When you use your debit card, your merchant will swipe your card which automatically checks to see if there is enough money available for your purchase. This money will be held, considered spent, and will be unavailable for future debit card swipes.

Also, beginning on August 15th – we will only cover everyday debit card purchases that overdraw your account when you permit us to do so. But, if we cover these transactions, a fee will be charged, so you'll want to think carefully about how you'd like us to handle these transactions.

Now, we don't believe you should spend money you don't have, but we also know mistakes sometimes happen which could cause your debit card to be

declined. You may want us to cover your debit overdrafts to protect against having your card declined even if it means the possibility of a fee. Or, to keep your account from becoming accidentally negative, you may ask that we deny these transactions. The choice is up to you.

Let me explain your credit union's debit card overdraft solutions so you can make an informed decision.

First, you should know that we will automatically cover any debit NSF transactions when money is available in your WPCU TrueSaver savings account. This is called Overdraft Protection. You may also choose to link other accounts you own, such as an established line-of-credit account or money market account, to provide more levels of Overdraft protection.

In addition **WE** can also provide a second level of protection called Overdraft Coverage.

You must opt-in to Overdraft Coverage up front. With Overdraft Coverage you allow us to cover debit card purchases when no money is available in your linked accounts, at our discretion. Since Overdraft Coverage is not linked to other accounts, your checking will go negative until you make your next deposit. A fee will apply each time Wright-Patt pays your transaction using Overdraft Coverage.

For example, let's say you make a purchase with your Wright-Patt debit card without realizing you don't have enough money in any of your accounts to cover the transaction. By opting-in to Overdraft Coverage, you allow us pay the transaction anyway, draw your account temporarily negative, and charge the associated fee. The benefit of Overdraft Coverage is that it helps prevent your debit card from being declined.

So what's next? As a result of the new regulation you'll soon receive a letter or email asking you for your choice of opting into, our out of, Wright-Patt's Debit Card Overdraft Coverage. If we don't hear from you by August 15th, we will conclude you've chosen to opt-out of Overdraft Coverage. This means debit transactions could be denied at the point of purchase if it means taking your account negative.

Of course, whether you opt in to having your transactions covered or not, you can always let us know if you'd like to change your decision at any time.

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to make the best decision for your situation, so give us a call or stop in and talk to any of our member service representatives who will be happy to help you.

I hope this video helps you better understand your debit overdraft options. As always, thanks for being a member!