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Electronic Check Services

MICR Presentment and MICR Presentment Plus

The Federal Reserve's MICR Presentment and MICR Presentment Plus services can increase the efficiency of your institutions' check operation by saving your employees valuable time. With earlier availability of information, you have the opportunity to offer enhanced cash management and account balance reporting to your business customers.



MICR Presentment

MICR Presentment is the most basic of the Federal Reserve's Electronic Check Presentment (ECP) services. The full Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) line of all items in your Federal Reserve cash letters is electronically captured and made available through FedLine® for the Web or Computer Interface to you or your processor in machine-readable format. The MICR transmission contains the auxiliary on-us number for commercial checks, the routing and transit number, the account number, the check number and the check amount. Along with the MICR line information captured from the individual items, the file you receive includes a document identification number (DIN) for each item, the processing date and bundle and cash letter totals. The electronic delivery of the MICR file is your legal presentment so you can post the information to your accounts. Your checks are delivered to you on the same day.

MICR Presentment Plus

MICR Presentment Plus goes one step further than MICR Presentment by temporarily storing

your physical items. During the time your institution's items are stored at the Federal Reserve, we will locate and pull returns at your request. Depending on the option you choose, the physical items are held up for three business days after you receive the electronic transmission. Check with your Account Executive for local options regarding the length of storage time. The Electronic Reject Repair enhancement is included in this service for no additional cost. MICR Presentment Plus expedites the return process and relieves you of the risk of an improperly qualified return.

Key Features

- Electronic capture and delivery of MICR line information
- Receipt of the MICR file constitutes legal presentment
- Earlier access to information on an incoming cash letter

A variety of service options that complement our MICR Presentment and MICR Presentment Plus services are available.

Electronic Reject Repair — Any items drawn on your bank that reject during our high-speed check processing are electronically repaired and included in the file we transmit to you to ensure the file is complete. This service is included for no additional cost with MICR Presentment Plus.

Account Number Verification — This service provides a method of improving the accuracy of MICR line data through the Federal Reserve's use of a mathematical algorithm supplied by your institution.

Processed Fine Sort — At your request, we will open and process fine sort work destined for your institution. Your files will include all of your items, both processed and fine sort, that clear through the Federal Reserve.

Same Day Settlement (SDS) — You can designate the Federal Reserve as a primary or alternate presentment point for the SDS of your checks. We can include these SDS items in your transmission. Upon receipt of these items, we will open eligible SDS deposits, process the items and capture the information for electronic transmission to you.

MICR Contingency Service

In the event of a disruption at your processing site, you can receive MICR data for all of your items electronically via FedLine for the Web. This service helps you maintain business continuity and post the information to your customers' accounts. Contact your Account Executive for availability of this service in your area.

FedImageSM Services

Offers you a suite of image products for the capture, archive, retrieval and delivery of your check images. You can tailor a package of high-performance services to meet your needs and those of your customers. These services are designed to complement Electronic Check Services.

The Federal Reserve Financial Services Advantage

The Federal Reserve System's nationwide check-processing facilities handle more than one-third of checks written in the U.S. The Federal Reserve's 24x7 processing means we have the checks earlier and can provide you with the information you need sooner. Our MICR Presentment and MICR Presentment Plus services can help you gain a competitive advantage by improving your customer service, cash management and account balance reporting.

Federal Reserve Financial Services

The Federal Reserve offers a full range of financial services including Cash, Check, FedImage Services, FedACHSM, Fedwire[®] Funds Service, Fedwire Securities Service, National Settlement Service and Treasury Services. In addition, we offer services designed to support your Financial Services usage, including Account Management Information and Service Charge Information.

Contact Us

To learn more about the Federal Reserve's MICR Presentment Service or any of the Federal Reserve's products and services, contact your Account Executive or visit us at www.frbservices.org.

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Key Benefits

- Allows earlier access to check information in your Federal Reserve cash letter.
- Provides an opportunity to increase revenues through value-added services like cash management and account balance reporting to your corporate customers.
- Increases your flexibility and potentially saves you considerable time in your back room operations.
- Reduces your dependence on expensive back-office processing equipment.
- Helps you to minimize risk and expedites returns process – reducing your exposure from bad checks
- Reduces reliance on physical transportation of checks by air or ground.
- Allows you to post items earlier to your customers' transaction accounts.

Custom Pocket Sort — A dedicated reader sorter pocket physically separates your items by specific accounts, account ranges or large dollar amount. This allows you to receive a separate file for individual customers, a separate file for your electronic presentment items or any other sorting you desire.