

## REAL-TIME PAYMENT CHEK® SERVICE

Mitigate Non-sufficient Funds (NSF) and Administrative Returns with a Single Inquiry



### THE CHALLENGE

According to AFP's 2017 study, the risk of unauthorized transactions is now greater than ever because of expanding fraudster tools and capabilities.

In this same study, AFP found that 74% of organizations experienced attempted or actual payments fraud, the largest share ever on record.<sup>1</sup>

With today's increasing fraud rates and higher expectations for payment-risk management, payment originators need a solution that can verify – in real time – account information while simultaneously identifying high-risk payments.

### THE SOLUTION

#### Real-time *Payment Chek* Service

Early Warning's Real-time *Payment Chek* Service can help. It leverages the industry's most current and accurate source of collaborative deposit information through the *National Shared Database*<sup>SM</sup> Resource to help mitigate the costly problem of ACH returns.

Real-time *Payment Chek* Service is the first and only resource that uses timely, cross-industry account data, contributed by a vast network of financial institutions (FIs), to improve the payment process – whether check or ACH. This unmatched data helps reduce returns by accurately identifying account status – all in real time.

With a single inquiry, Real-time *Payment Chek* Service quickly answers the following questions:

- Is the account open and active?
- Is the account new?
- Is the account in a negative status?
- Is the account a non-DDA account?
- What is the account's associated risk?
- What is the likelihood of the item being returned?
- Am I able to debit this account?

Sources:  
1 AFP 2017 Payments Fraud and Control Survey

### Benefits

#### Transforming Back-Office Processes by Optimizing Receivables

- Enhance Customer Experience
- Reduce Transaction Processing Costs
- Increase Approval Rates
- Detect High-Risk Events
- Reduce likelihood of NSF returns
- Reduce Administrative ACH Returns

#### Receivables Use Cases ACH Use Cases

- ACH Enrollment
- Recurring Payments
- One-time Payments
- Collections
- Card Payments

#### Check Use Cases

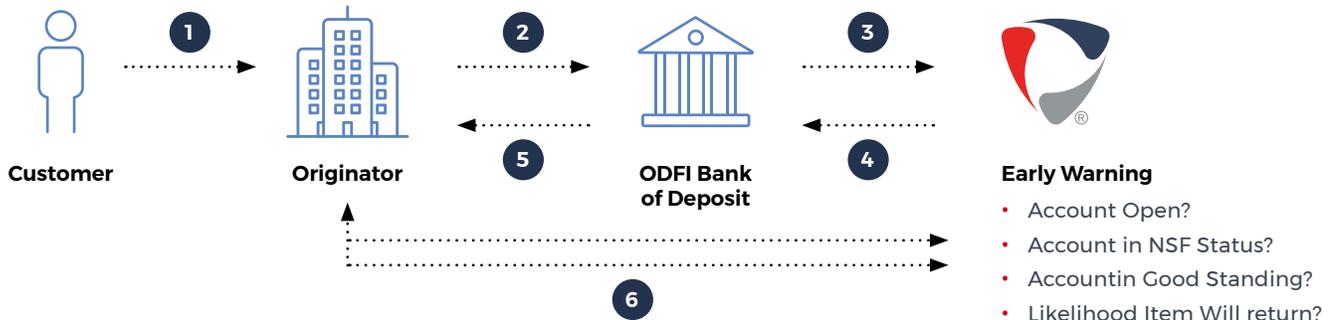
- Risk Screening Check Payments
- In-store Partial Payments with Cash Back
- Check Cashing Services

#### National Shared Database Resource

- Accounts: 606M+ accounts. Associated with 288M+ accounts with ACH transactions
- Account Status: 516M+ participant accounts
- Account Score: 90M non-participant accounts

## How It Works

- Identifies open/valid accounts at point of transaction;
- Provides immediate notification of high-risk payments;
- Provides specific condition of that account (open, closed for cause, etc.); and
- Identifies accounts that are currently returning transactions



## Account and Item Level Responses

### ACCOUNT STATUS RESPONSES

- Represent what a bank reports as of the prior day's close of business
- Includes Open, Closed or Overdrawn status
- Informational responses indicate if an item is drawn on a credit card, brokerage or other type of account
- Identify accounts that are currently returning items

### ACCOUNT SCORE RESPONSES

- Early Warning has the ability to score the return of items via nonparticipant accounts within the financial ecosystem
- For items drawn on these accounts, a predictive score is delivered, indicating the level of return risk

### ITEM LEVEL RESPONSES

- Stop payment matches
- Duplicate items
- High-focus item/counterfeit

For more information about Real-Time *Payment Chek*<sup>®</sup> Service, contact an Early Warning Account Manager at [webinquiry@earlywarning.com](mailto:webinquiry@earlywarning.com).

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