



## OVERDRAFT SERVICES DISCLOSURE

### What is Ellafi Federal Credit Union's Overdraft Service?

**Courtesy Pay** is Ellafi Federal Credit Union's Overdraft Service for consumer checking accounts. Our Overdraft Services are offered to add an extra layer of protection and safety net to your checking account. If you don't have enough money in your account to cover a transaction, we may cover the transaction and overdrawn balance up to an approved limit. Our Overdraft Service eliminates the embarrassment and expense of returned checks, and also protects your credit rating. There is no fee for Overdraft Services, unless you use the service.

Ellafi Federal Credit Union provides many different ways to help you avoid Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) incidents. We offer free Internet Home Banking with e-Alerts so you can check your account balance every day in real-time, review payments made, view checks you've written, transfer funds between your accounts, and receive update when your balances drops below your pre-determined level. We also offer a mobile banking application, which allows you to manage your accounts from the ease of your smart phone.

Nevertheless, NSFs do occur, and when they do, we offer additional protection and options to help ensure that your payments go through as you intended.

### How does Ellafi Federal Credit Unions's Overdraft Services work?

If you overdraw your account by a check, ACH electronic payment, bill pay, ATM or point-of-sale debit card transaction, **Courtesy Pay** may cover your transaction even though you do not have enough money in your account. If you use the **Courtesy Pay** service, your account will have a negative balance. You will incur a \$35.00 **Courtesy Pay** fee for each item; however, you will not incur any merchant fees.

If you have established overdraft protection to cover a negative balance through an automatic transfer from a designated savings account, the Credit Union will access funds from these sources before using your **Courtesy Pay** overdraft limit. The fee for the Overdraft Transfer is \$12.00 per item.

You do not have to sign up for Ellafi Federal Credit Union's **Courtesy Pay** to work for your paper checks, BillPay or electronic (ACH) items you originated from your checking account. However, you do have to "Opt-In" if you want the protection of Ellafi Federal Union's **Courtesy Pay** to apply to your everyday debit card and ATM transactions by completing the **Courtesy Pay Opt-In Form**.

You may opt-out of Ellafi Federal Credit Union's **Courtesy Pay** for all transaction types by calling 860-346-6614, and choose to have any item presented for payment without sufficient funds returned NSF. If you do not want us to pay your overdrafts through **Courtesy Pay**, you must tell us ("opt-out"). Should you elect to "opt-out" of **Courtesy Pay** coverage and your paper checks, BillPay or electronic (ACH) items you originated from your checking account be presented without adequate funds in the account, you will be charged a \$39.00 NSF fee per item.

For more details about Ellafi Federal Credit Union's Overdraft Services, please visit our website ([www.ellafifcu.org](http://www.ellafifcu.org)), call 860-346-6614 to speak to a Member Service Representative, or stop by one of our branch locations. Effective 1/1/21

## What does it cost to cover an overdraft?

We encourage you to maintain accurate records and practice good account management. This will help you avoid writing checks or drafts without sufficient funds and incurring the resulting fees.

Ways to Cover Overdrafts?	Fees (01/01/2021)
Good Account Management	\$0.00
NSF Item (non-sufficient funds fee)	\$39.00 per item
<b>Courtesy Pay</b> (overdraft fee)	\$35.00 per item
Overdraft Transfer Fee (Automated from Savings)	\$12.00 per item

## Ellafi Federal Overdraft Service Guidelines

As a service to members in good standing and to help you avoid the fees that may be charged by third parties for "bad" checks, we may, at our sole discretion, approve your reasonable overdrafts up to a dollar amount (inclusive of fees). A fee will be charged for each overdraft item or non-sufficient fund (NSF) item as outlined in our fee schedule.

Ellafi Federal Credit Union's Overdraft Service is extended to all account holders with checking accounts in good standing, defined as 1) Making regular deposits sufficient to cover transactions; 2) Bringing the account to a positive balance when overdrawn, and; 3) There are no legal orders outstanding on your account, 4) There is no negative check reporting history with the consumer reporting agencies. We may, at our sole discretion, pay overdrafts up to the limits mentioned above, including our normal Non-Sufficient Funds or Overdraft item charge(s).

You will be notified if an overdraft occurs and **Courtesy Pay** is used, and you are expected to bring your account to a positive balance within 24 hours. The total fees you have paid for NSF items (both paid and returned, for the current month and year-to-date) will be on your monthly statement.

The **Courtesy Pay** limit we offer to our members range from \$300 to \$3,500 for personal checking accounts. The **Courtesy Pay** limit may vary depending upon your account status and financial history.

Limits are subject to change daily without notification. Therefore, just because we may pay your overdraft transaction today, does not guarantee that we will always pay your transaction when you do not have enough money in your account to cover the payment. Your **Courtesy Pay** limit is not reflected in your balance provided at the ATM, by members of our team, Home Banking, or telephone banking.

As always, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly; however, as long as you maintain your account in good standing, we may, as a courtesy, approve your overdrafts within your current available **Courtesy Pay** limit. However, we reserve the right to pay overdraft at our discretion. If you do not have sufficient funds, and we return the item non-sufficient funds (NSF), you will be assessed the \$39.00 NSF Fee. You may also be subject to fees on the merchant's end.

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