# Deferments (temporary credits) are being replaced by memos

### What?

- In Pennant, financial aid deferments and other temporary credit transactions will be replaced by memos.

- A memo will be reflected as "temporary credit" on the student's bill in order to reduce the current amount due and to help prevent late payment penalties on pending aid. This is the same procedure as in the legacy billing system.

- A Pennant memo does not actually generate any real payment transactions to the General Ledger. This differs from the legacy billing system.

- Pennant memos use the same detail codes as their corresponding payments, but are presented separately in Pennant Accounts.

- There are no reversing entries in Pennant Accounts. Memos expire (are end-dated) when the actual payments, with a corresponding detail code, are posted to a student's account.

- Memos are only used in the Fall and Spring terms.

- Memos are posted via automated feeds from student systems, including the budget plan, tuition prepayment plan, and financial aid. In special circumstances, SRFS can manage memos manually.

- All deferments in the legacy billing system are being reversed prior to conversion and are not being converted to Pennant.

**Note:** The Pennant memo feature does **not** refer to student notes or comments; these will remain in SFSEASI.

### Why?

Memo functionality in Pennant Accounts provides the benefit of "temporary credit" on the student's account without generating actual accounting transactions.

### When?

Pennant Accounts becomes available in the Fall of 2015. The first Pennant memos are being issued in late Fall 2015 prior to the first Spring 2016 billing run.

### Who?

All Pennant Accounts users with inquiry or update access will see or use this feature, which affects the accounts of all students with pending aid or payments.

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