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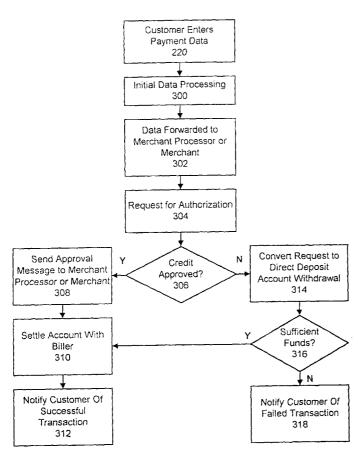
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(57) Abstract: A system and method is disclosed enabling a customer payor to make payment to a payee (220) in a networked environment using a credit card, revolving credit, or other credit account (304). The payment system may provide for online receipt and review of bills, and may allow a customer payor to optionally select one or more alternative secondary accounts for payment in the event that payment cannot be made from a primary account (306). The secondary account may be another credit account, a checking account, a brokerage account, or another type of account (314). Actual payment may be accomplished by electronic settlement of a credit transaction, electronic funds transfer, or by printing and physically delivering a paper check (310). A customer payor using the system and method may receive notification concerning the success (312) or failure of the transaction (318).

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