Introduction to Billing Groups

Learning Objective

The goal of the Billing Groups modules is to help you learn about this account-specific object within Aria that dictates how an account pays for one or more Master Plan Instances (MPIs) and who is notified of this activity.

Below is an example of an Account with two Billing Groups across multiple MPIs.



Quick Tip: A Credit Card and Tokenized Credit Card **cannot** be used together as a primary or secondary payment method for the same Billing Group.



Components

A Billing Group consists of the following components:

MPI (one or more) Payment Methods (primary and backup) Notification method Statement contact Statement template Credit note template Notification Template Group

Major Takeaways

- To create or assign a Billing Group, navigate to the **Billing Groups** tab in the **Plans** submenu of your MPI.
- You can also create a Billing Group "on the fly" while running the *create_acct_complete_m* API by selecting an MPI, payment type and statement contact.
- You can create a billing group for an existing account from the *create_acct_billing_group_m* API.
- Once a Billing Group exists, you may want to change the plans associated with it, update the statement contact, or alter how notifications are sent.
- A Collection Group can be assigned to a Billing Group to include one or more payment gateways accepting the same payment to a Billing Group.