Watch out for these Ten Prepaid Debit Card Fees

- Activation Fee \$3.00 \$15.00. Paid to set up your initial account.
- Monthly Maintenance Fee \$3.00 \$10.00. Most Prepaid debit cards charge a monthly fee to support the work that goes into maintaining the account.
- ATM Balance Inquiry Fee \$0.50 \$1.00. This fee is for checking your balance at an ATM machine within the ATM network.
- ATM Withdrawal Fee \$2.00 \$2.50. Fee when withdrawing money within the prepaid debit card network. *Some cards offer the first two withdrawals free or waive the fee if you have money directly deposited into the account.
- Cash Reload Fee Up to \$4.95. Fee paid for processing to reload your card.
- Paper Statement Fee \$1.00 \$2.00. Fee paid to have paper statements of account activity mailed to you on a monthly basis.
- **Customer Service Call Fee \$1.00 \$2.00.** Fee paid per call to access customer service by phone. * Some cards allow one free call per month.
- Replacement Card Fee \$2.00 \$3.00. Fee paid to replace a card if it is lost or stolen.
- Bill Payment with Paper Check Fee Up to \$1.00 per payment. Fee paid to use your prepaid debit card to pay a bill by paper check.
- PIN Purchase Fee Up to \$1.00 per transaction. Fee paid when a purchase is made in a store and the PIN is keyed in. This is a debit purchase. When the card is run as a credit card, there is no fee.

The typical cost of using a prepaid debit card would be between \$137 and \$371 per year. You work hard for your money. Please make sure to evaluate all your options.

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