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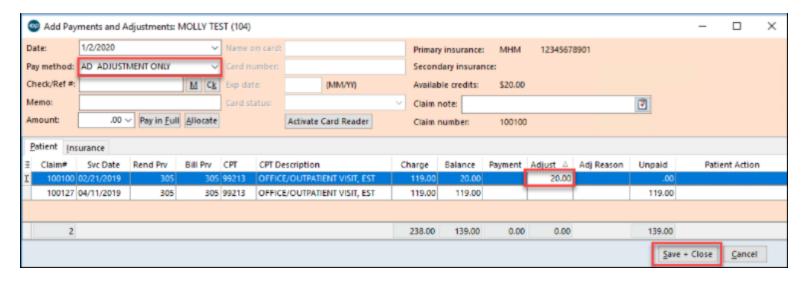
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Write Off a Patient Balance

A patient balance may be written off for a variety of reasons, including for professional courtesy, for a staff member's family, or if it is considered uncollectible.

- 1. From the Patient Chart navigation panel, click Payments.
- 2. Click the **New Payment** button. The Add Payments and Adjustments window is displayed.
- 3. Confirm you are on the **Patient** tab.
- 4. Select **AD Adjustment Only** from the Pay Method drop-down menu.
- 5. Enter the amount of the write-off in the Adjust column.
- 6. Select an adjustment reason from the Adj Reason drop-down menu.
- 7. Click the Save + Close button.



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Move Patient Balance Back to Insurance

To move a balance from patient responsibility back to insurance responsibility:



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- 1. From the Patient Chart navigation panel, click Claims.
- Click the Claim to select it.
- Click the Revert Pat Resp button.

Note: If you selected an individual claim line, you will need to follow these steps for each line of the claim that needs to be reverted.

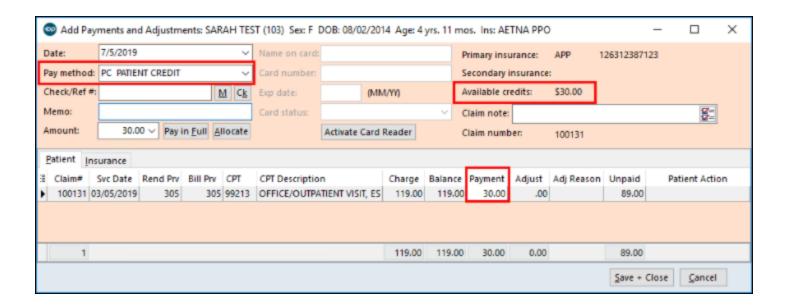
4. Click **OK** in the confirmation window. The balance is moved from patient responsibility back to insurance responsibility.

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Apply Unallocated Patient Credits to Balances

When patient payments are collected, they are entered into OP as unallocated credits. To apply an unallocated patient credit to a balance:

- 1. From the Patient Chart navigation panel, click **Payments**.
- 2. Click the **New Payment** button. The Add Payments and Adjustments window is displayed.
- 3. Confirm you are on the **Patient** tab. The available credit amount is displayed below the insurance payer information.
- 4. Ensure that **PC Patient Credit** is selected from the **Pay method** drop-down menu.
- 5. Enter the **credit amount** that should be applied to each claim in the **Payment** column.





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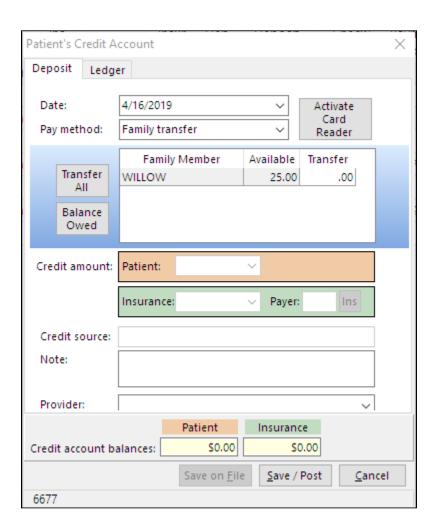
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Transfer Credits Between Siblings

Family credits can easily be transferred among siblings that are financially linked. Financially linked patients are those that share the same Patient Responsibility Guarantor as indicated in the Insurance section of the Patient Chart.

- 1. Navigate to the Patient Chart of the patient that has the balance and needs a credit from a sibling.
- 2. From the Patient Chart navigation panel, click Credits.
- Click the New Credit button. The Patient's Credit Account window is displayed.





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- 4. Select Family transfer from the Pay method drop-down menu. The Family Transfer grid is displayed listing the available credits in all of the patient's siblings' accounts.
- 5. Enter the amount of the credit being transferred from the sibling(s) in the Transfer field or click the Transfer All or Balance Owed button, as appropriate.
 - Click the Save / Post button. Both the patient and sibling credit accounts are credited/debited accordingly.

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