

Paying your bills online

Some travelers elect to pay bills the old fashion way... through the mail. This has to be respected for the increased effort in doing so and increasing risk of identity theft. However, if you are like many of us who are willing to take the risk for the benefit of efficiency and ease, you may want to plunge forward into online banking, if you haven't already.

Online banking is a great tool for traveling healthcare professionals. Most banks can set you up with an online payment system that is easy to use. You can keep track of all the people you owe bills to on a monthly basis and schedule them to go out automatically or manually. You can often use online banking to transfer money from one account to another and to view online previous checks you may have written. Any time you want to know your balance, you just have to get on the computer rather than finding an ATM machine or going to the bank. If you want to stop payment on something, you can do it with a click. It's so easy and makes it much easier to make sure your bills get paid on time while you travel.

As you move around, it may be difficult to get all your bills on time due to mail being forwarded etc. Nowadays, you can usually go to a company's website and view your latest bill. You can see online when you paid last months bill and know that it's about time to pay it again. It is also easier to track your payments if there is a discrepancy between you and a company about whether you have paid a bill. Your history is right online.

If you are serious about traveling for awhile, you probably want to get yourself set up with a large bank that is located in most cities like Bank of America or Wells Fargo, for instance, so that you can utilize their ATM quickly anywhere to make those hefty deposits you will be making while traveling.

Also, most companies offer direct deposit if you ask them about it. This is also much more efficient in getting your money to the bank quickly without the extra effort on your part. Make it easy on yourself. You have so many other things to do and see than to be worrying about your finances.