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## **SmartBilling 5.0 Subscriptions, and how they are related to other SmartBilling objects**

How does SmartBilling represent a Subscription?

A SmartBilling Subscription ties together all of the parts that work together to generate invoices for recurring charges, non-recurring charges and usage charges.

A Subscription must have, at the very least, the following relationships

- a Customer,
- a Service Location,
- a Service,
- and through the Service, to one or more [Products](#), [Charges](#), (Usage) [Rates](#) and [Suppliers](#)

It can also be related to a series of non-overlapping [Contracts](#)

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