

7.1 INTRODUCTION

Medical coverage under the WV Children's Health Insurance Program (WV CHIP), is health insurance administered through the **Children's Health Insurance Agency housed within the Department of Administration**, for children from birth through age 18.

Even though some policies/procedures for WV CHIP are the same as those for Medicaid, medical coverage under WV CHIP is not Medicaid coverage; WV CHIP is a means-tested insurance program for which the Department determines eligibility and provides information to **WV CHIP** for administration. Policies/procedures for WV CHIP have, therefore, been placed in this Chapter to set WV CHIP apart from Medicaid.

The information in this Chapter is organized according to the general outline of the total Income Maintenance Manual. Where policies/procedures duplicate those for Medicaid, reference is made to the appropriate section.