WV WORKS Activities/Requirements

EXAMPLE: Ms. Smith went to work and received her last WV WORKS benefits in August 2005. She received a continuation of services from September 2005 through February 2006. Her job ended in March 2006 and she begins receiving WV WORKS again in April 2006. She obtains full-time employment and receives her last benefits in May 2006. She is eligible for one more continuation of support services period beginning in June 2006.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Balboa obtains employment on November 25, 2005 and receives his last benefits in December 2005. His continuation of services period begins January 2006 and continues through June 2006. He is injured in May 2006 and cannot continue his job. He becomes eligible for WV WORKS again in June. In September 2006 he obtains another full-time job and his case is closed effective September. He is eligible for one additional continuation of services period effective October.

EXAMPLE: Ms. Rockne is closed November 2004 and receives a continuation of services period December 2004 through May 2005. She begins receiving WV WORKS again effective September 2005. She goes to work in December 2005 and is closed effective December. Effective January 2006 she would now be eligible for the first of her two available continuation of services periods.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Kirk's WV WORKS case is closed (for the first time) effective June 2005 and he becomes eligible for a continuation of services period from July 2005 through December 2005. The client requests payment in January and is denied because his first period has ended. He must receive WV WORKS again to be eligible for an additional period of services. In accordance with this policy, he will be eligible for two continuation of service periods because he was not under a continuation of service periods on January 1, 2006.

When the AG is closed due to imposition of the 3rd or subsequent sanction, no continued support service payments may be issued during the sanction period, or after the sanction period ends, even when the client obtains employment and meets all other eligibility requirements for such payments.

EXAMPLE: Ms. Spock's WV WORKS case is closed March 2006 due to receipt of unemployment. Her continuation of services period is April through September 2006. Her case is reopened in August. She is closed again in November 2006 due to employment with a continuation of services period from December 2006 through May 2007. Her case is reopened in March 2007 as her work hours decrease. She is closed in June 2007 due to employment. She is not eligible for another continuation of services period as she has already been in two continuation of services periods the last of which ended in March 2007.

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- When the family, but not necessarily the AG, includes an individual who meets all of the following criteria at the time of case closure, special considerations apply.
 - The individual is normally required to be included in the AG, according to Section 9.21,A,1, or has chosen to be in the AG according to Section 9.21,A,2 (non-parent caretaker) and is still within the 12-month inclusion period; and
 - The individual is excluded from the AG, according to Section 9.21,A,3; and
 - The individual is the sole working adult in the family.

The 6-consecutive-month period begins the month after the effective month of closure and ends at the end of the 6th month. If needed, case management services are provided throughout the 6 months. No payments may be made during this 6 months until the reason for the exclusion ends. If the reason for the exclusion is indefinite or permanent ineligibility, and all of the above criteria are met, the family is not eligible for support service payments. If the exclusion is time-limited and the timed exclusion does not expire within the 6 months, the family is not eligible for support service payments. If the exclusion is time-limited and the timed exclusion expires within the 6 months, the family is not eligible for support service payments. If the exclusion is time-limited and the exclusion expires within the 6 months, the family is eligible for support services only between the months the exclusion expires and the end of the 6th month.

EXAMPLE: An AG is closed effective May due to the receipt of a lump sum payment. At the time of closure, it is determined that the family will remain ineligible for WV WORKS through September. The family has already spent all of the lump sum payment by the end of June. The parents reapply for WV WORKS in June and are denied. In July, the mother and father both begin working part-time. They both request support services in July to help with transportation. Neither is eligible because the family remains in a period of ineligibility due to receipt of the lump sum payment. They ask for assistance again in August and September and remain ineligible for support services. In October, they again request assistance and both qualify for support services. Their 6month period began in June, the month after closure, and continues through November 30th. However, they are only eligible to receive support services from October, the month the period of ineligibility ends, through November 30th.