
Specific TANF, WV WORKS, AFDC/U and
AFDC/U – Related Medicaid Requirements

NOTE: The WV WORKS policy for including 18-year-olds requires that the 18-year-old be enrolled in secondary school, i.e., high school, GED class, vocational training that substitutes for high school, etc. College is not secondary school. Therefore, the following apply:

- An 18-year-old in college is not eligible for the SCA.
- A 17-year-old in college meets the school enrollment requirement.
- An 18-year-old in high school meets the school enrollment requirement.

The following activities are not considered school enrollment: preschool, nursery school, Head Start, GED correspondence or internet courses.

School enrollment for children ages 5 through 15 is presumed by RAPIDS. RAPIDS uses information on ANSE to confirm enrollment for children ages 4 and 16 through 18. Children who have attained the age of 5 by September 1st of the current program year are assumed to be enrolled in kindergarten. West Virginia State law also permits 4-year olds who will attain the age of 5 by the last day of the current calendar year to enroll, if approved by the Superintendent. The statement of a parent or other specified relative is sufficient and no other verification is required to document enrollment.

RAPIDS will provide a voucher for any 4-year-old enrolled in kindergarten when ANSE shows an enrollment status of full-time (FU), less than half-time (LH), or half-time (HA).

NOTE: A 5-year-old not enrolled in kindergarten is not eligible for the SCA just because RAPIDS presumes enrollment. Since so many 5-year-olds are enrolled, the choice was to include them and make those not enrolled the exceptions. ANSE in RAPIDS should indicate these children are not enrolled.

- Included in the WV WORKS payment as a dependent child.
- An individual who is included in the AG as a caretaker relative is not eligible for SCA, even when he meets the age and enrollment requirements.
- Minimum age requirement is met when the child will be age 5 on or before September 1st of the current program year.
- Maximum age requirement is met when the child is not yet age 19 on July 1st of the current program year.
- Eligible age range is **7/2/89** through 9/1/03.

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NOTE: See item M below for instructions on how to return the vouchers when the child is not eligible.

The instruction sheet directs the SCA payee to return the voucher(s) when the child is not enrolled in school, is no longer in the home, or will not be returning to school.

2. Requirements Specific To DCA Recipients

An applicant who is approved for DCA for a time period that includes July is not automatically eligible for SCA. The DCA household must apply for WVSCA and be determined eligible. See Appendix C of this Chapter.

3. Requirements Specific To Withdrawals And Ineligible Cases

To receive WV WORKS SCA, an applicant must apply for, be determined eligible for, and accept a WV WORKS payment.

An applicant determined eligible for WV WORKS who does not want to accept the benefit and meets all WV WORKS requirements, may withdraw his application and apply for WVSCA only.

AGs currently ineligible for WV WORKS because of the third sanction, failure to meet the 24-month work requirement, reaching the 60-month lifetime limit, lump sum payment policy or because of the 45-day quit policy are not automatically sent an SCA voucher. These families must submit an application to be evaluated for and receive the WVSCA, if otherwise eligible.

All WV WORKS withdrawals must be entered in RAPIDS and recorded in CMCC.

L. ALIENS, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP

The alien and refugee requirements for WV WORKS in Chapter 18 apply.

M. OVERPAYMENT OF SCA

When SCA is received in error, it is subject to repayment according to the WV WORKS repayment policy found in Section 20.3. If the Worker learns, for example, that a child is no longer in the home or that a child who is a caretaker relative has received SCA, the overpayment of SCA must be repaid.

Whenever possible, repayment of the overpayment must be accomplished by the return to the local office of the voucher(s) for which the client was not eligible. Vouchers which are returned by the client must be voided and forwarded with an OFA-SCA-1 to BCF Office of Finance and Administration, 350 Capitol Street, Room 730, Charleston, WV 25301. Otherwise, normal repayment procedures apply. The following outlines actions which are taken to recover an overpayment by returning the voucher.