

7.1 INTRODUCTION

The WV Children's Health Insurance Program (WV CHIP), is administered through the Children's Health Insurance Agency within the Department of Administration. WV CHIP is a means-tested health insurance program for children from birth to age 19 for which the Department determines eligibility and provides information to WV CHIP for management.

Eligible individuals are assigned to one of the following WV CHIP enrollment groups based on the net income of the Income Group (IG): WV CHIP with limited co-payments; WV CHIP with full co-payments; or WV CHIP Premium Expansion, with full co-payments, monthly premium payments and limited dental and vision coverage. See Sections 7.2,F and 7.14,E.

Even though some policies/procedures for WV CHIP are the same as those for Medicaid, medical coverage under WV CHIP is not Medicaid. WV CHIP policies/procedures have been placed in this Chapter to **differentiate** WV CHIP 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.