

7.8 COMMON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. RESIDENCE

The child must be a West Virginia resident. The child's status as a WV resident is not affected by the following situations:

- The child is out of the state to obtain vocational training or education, even if the child meets the residency requirement of the other state.
- The child is out of the state to obtain medical care or treatment, regardless of the availability of the care or treatment in WV.
- The child is out of the state visiting, but intends to return. There is no time limit applied to the visitation. However, when the child visits out-of-state on a regular basis, such as in joint-custody situations, the Worker must determine which state is the child's state of residence. This determination is based on the amount of time spent in each location. In cases of equal time spent in 2 or more states, the parent(s) must choose a state of residence for the child.
- An unemancipated student who attends college in WV, but whose parents live elsewhere are considered residents of the state in which his parents live. See Section 15.2,D,2 for the definition of an emancipated child.
- An unemancipated student who attends college outside of WV, but whose parent(s) lives in WV, is considered a WV resident. See Section 15.2,D,2 for the definition of an emancipated child.
- An emancipated college student is a resident of the state in which he lives. See Section 15.2,D,2 for the definition of emancipated child.

B. CITIZENSHIP AND ALIEN STATUS

The Medicaid policy/procedures in Section 18.4,C apply to WV CHIP.

C. COOPERATION WITH QUALITY ASSURANCE

Quality Assurance does not review WV CHIP cases. **However, selected WV CHIP AGs are subject to the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) review process. There is no penalty for non-cooperation.**

D. LIMITATIONS ON RECEIPT OF OTHER BENEFITS

WV CHIP coverage may be provided to individuals who receive any benefit administered by the Office of Family Support, except Medicaid. At application and redetermination, ineligibility for Medicaid is an eligibility requirement for WV CHIP.

E. NON-DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS

The policy in Section 8.6 that prohibits concurrent receipt of Food Stamps, WV WORKS or Medicaid in more than one WV county and/or more than one state applies to WV CHIP. There is no disqualification penalty for receipt of duplicate benefits.

F. ENUMERATION

The WV CHIP child is required to provide an SSN, but approval is not delayed pending receipt of the number, or pending verification of an application for one. Instead, when the applicant child does not have an SSN, the Worker approves the AG without one. The WV CHIP staff follows up with the family to make sure an SSN is obtained and notifies the Worker to add the number.

No other individual in the home is required to provide an SSN in order to establish eligibility for the WV CHIP child.