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This change was made to implement the requirement that WV CHIP applicants document citizenship through the State Verification Exchange System (SVES) administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This was mandated by the CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2009. This requirement was effective January 1, 2010, with implementation effective March 1, 2010, for all WV CHIP applicants.

Due to clarification from CMS that citizenship verification requirements do not apply to WV CHIP recipients, the policy is being changed. Benefits must be reinstated to anyone to whom policy was already applied based on information stated in policy change # 575 that citizenship verification requirements applied to WV CHIP recipients. Also, benefits must be restored to anyone to whom the reasonable opportunity period was not granted since the implementation of citizenship verification requirements effective July 1, 2006.

Additional changes and/or clarifications were made as follows:

CHAPTER 4

Section 4.2,H,16: Clarification was added that current WV CHIP recipients are not required to verify citizenship.

Section 4.3: Clarification was added about the CHIPRA 2009 implementing legislation for citizenship documentation for WV CHIP.

Section 4.3,A: Clarification was added that current WV CHIP recipients are exempt from the citizenship requirement.

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Section 4.3,B,1: The Social Security Administration (SSA) State Verification Exchange System (SVES) Data Match was added as a primary document to establish citizenship.

Section 4.3, B, 5: A NOTE was removed.

An EXCEPTION was added to clarify the identity requirement does not apply to WV CHIP.

Section 4.3,E,1: Information and clarification was added regarding the reasonable opportunity period for WV CHIP.

Section 4.3,E,2: A NOTE was added to clarify WV CHIP recipients are not required to verify citizenship.

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