

L. REPAYMENT AND PENALTIES

Before the case is approved, the Worker must determine if there is a WV WORKS, AFDC, or AFDC-Related Medicaid claim outstanding against any member of the AG or the non-recipient Work-Eligible Individual. If so, the Worker must initiate appropriate repayment procedures prior to approval.

If the client has been making voluntary payments, he must be informed that repayment must be made, when possible, from his monthly benefit, i.e., recoupment.

When the AG has been sanctioned for failure to cooperate with WV WORKS, the case is subsequently closed and a reapplication made, that AG remains sanctioned until the sanction period ends.

M. BEGINNING DATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Once eligibility is established, i.e., the date all eligibility requirements are met, the application is approved. If the first benefits must be prorated, they are prorated from the date of application. See Date of Application above. There are other circumstances which also affect the beginning date of eligibility.

- When a parent, non-recipient Work-Eligible Individual, or other caretaker relative included in the payment **voluntarily reduces their hours**, quits or refuses employment or training for employment, without good cause, in the 30-day period prior to the date of application, the AG is ineligible until 45 days after the employment or training is no longer available. Benefits may not be issued for any part of the 45-day waiting period. See Chapter 13 for the determination of good cause.

NOTE: This applies to full-time or part-time employment.

NOTE: The 45-day waiting period applies only to AG members and non-recipient Work-Eligible Individuals at application.

EXAMPLE: A WV WORKS adult recipient marries an individual who quit a job in the 30-day period prior to the request to add him to the AG. There is no 45-day waiting period in adding him and no sanction is applied.

AG's which meet all of the following criteria are not subject to the 45-day ineligibility period. Instead, the AG or non-recipient Work-Eligible Individual is reopened and a sanction subsequently applied.

- The AG was closed due to earnings of a parent, a non-recipient Work-Eligible Individual, or a non-parent caretaker included in the payment; and