

## 8.4 COOPERATION WITH QUALITY CONTROL (QC)

A recipient of SNAP benefits and/or Medicaid is required to cooperate with Quality Control (QC) if selected for a QC review.

When a client refuses to participate or cooperate in the review, the benefit for which the QC review was attempted must be stopped after proper notice.

**EXCEPTION:** Medicaid coverage for children, pregnant women **enrolled in Medicaid**, and SSI recipients is not denied or stopped due to non-cooperation. A sanction is applied to the pregnant woman after the postpartum period, even when she qualifies for another coverage group.

The QC Reviewer advises the local office by memorandum when a client refuses to cooperate. The memorandum includes the information needed to complete the QC review.

If the client reapplies before the QC review period ends, the benefit must not be approved until the client agrees to cooperate and takes all steps necessary for the QC Reviewer to complete the review. When applicable, the Worker notifies the QC Reviewer by memorandum that the individual has reapplied and wishes to cooperate in the QC review. Eligibility begins when the client completes the requirements to cooperate with QC.

If the individual reapplies after the QC review period expires, the benefit may be approved only if the client supplies all information previously required by QC, as well as all information needed to establish current eligibility. The Worker must contact the QC Reviewer to determine if the client is still required to cooperate.

The QC review periods are as follows:

- SNAP benefits: October through the following September.
- Medicaid: October through the following March; April through the following September.

For SNAP and, if the individual reapplies after 125 days from the end of the annual review period, the individual is not required to cooperate with the QC Reviewer.

**NOTE:** WV WORKS reviews are completed by **Division** of Planning Quality Improvement (DPQI).