

7.3 THE CASE MAINTENANCE PROCESS

After approval for WV CHIP, information is passed from RAPIDS to WVOT.

Although the WV CHIP Office issues the benefit to the client, action is taken on changes reported to the Department so updated information can be reported to WV CHIP through RAPIDS.

A. CLOSURES

The WV CHIP Office is notified of WV CHIP ineligibility through an exchange of information with RAPIDS. This notification triggers the termination of coverage by WV CHIP.

Eligibility under all Medicaid coverage groups must be explored for all children who become ineligible for WV CHIP prior to the end of the 12-month period of continuous eligibility. If the Medicaid evaluation results in an approval, the child receives a new Medicaid certification and redetermination period.

A child may be determined ineligible prior to the expiration of the 12-month period of continuous eligibility only if the child:

- Moves out of state;
- Dies;
- Reaches age 19. The child is eligible until the end of the month in which he reaches the age limit. A child who reaches age 19 on the first day of the month remains eligible until the end of that month;

NOTE: If a child is receiving inpatient hospital services on the date he would lose eligibility due to attainment of the maximum age, eligibility must continue until the end of that inpatient stay.

- Becomes eligible for Medicaid and the caretaker chooses Medicaid over WV CHIP.
- Obtains individual or group health insurance coverage after WV CHIP approval. See Definitions at the beginning of this Chapter.
- **Begins receiving** a state group health plan after WV CHIP approval.