

7.5 VERIFICATION

The policy and procedures described in Section 4.1 and 4.2 are applicable to WV CHIP.

The individual's self-attestation regarding non-financial and financial information is the starting point for an eligibility determination for WV CHIP. Verification of negative information does not occur when the individual self-attests to income that exceeds the allowable income limit for WV CHIP of 300% FPL.

Income is verified by taking client self-attestation and comparing it with information from the IRS obtained through the hub. Reasonable compatibility standard is applied.

Factors that must be verified for WV CHIP eligibility in addition to income, include citizenship or alien status and identity. The client's self-attestation is first compared with information in the data services hub which includes Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA). See Chapter 4.3 for Policy when there are discrepancies between the client's self-attestation and returned information. The Reasonable Opportunity Period provision applies once per lifetime to any individual trying to establish citizenship. WV CHIP deemed newborns are exempted from citizenship verifications. See Chapter 4.3.

NOTE: The individual is pended for verifications only when the hub and other sources, electronic and otherwise available to the Department have been utilized and discrepancies cannot be reconciled through the reasonable compatibility process. See Chapter 4.1.