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This change expands and clarifies on the WV CHIP policy concerning good cause for dropping non-expected health insurance. New Section 7.14,D outlines expanded policy and procedures for determining when good cause exists because the family's annual cost of health care coverage equals or exceeds 10% of their total annual gross, non-excluded earned and unearned income.

A definition of family has been written, only for the purposes of good cause determination. This is not to be confused with who is in the Income Group or Needs Group as specified in Section 7.9.

Client and Worker responsibilities in determining good cause have been listed, and a step-by-step procedures for determining if the criteria is met have been added.

This change is effective March 1, 2002

Questions should be directed to the OFS Policy Unit.

Questions on RAPIDS procedures should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.

