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The purpose of this manual change is to simplify the procedure for determining eligibility for extension of the lifetime limit for receipt of WV WORKS beyond 60 months. Criteria was reduced from 9 categories to 6 with the elimination of inappropriate case management, lack of child care, high unemployment, and being chronically unemployable as reasons for granting extensions and the addition of late onset of incapacity. Other changes are found in the following:

Section 15.4: SCA month was corrected.

Section 15.6, A: First paragraph under note clarifies eligibility of children. Examples of eligibility after receipt of 60 months are included.

Section 15.6, C: Clarification was added to fourth paragraph on continuation of extension.

Section 15.6, C, 1: New material was added to allow reapplication by AG's experiencing domestic violence.

Section 15.6, C, 2: This section contains further clarification for requirements for extensions based on providing care for a relative.

Section 15.6, C, 4: Requirement to cooperate with DRS was added.

Section 15.6, C, 6: Time limits on vocational training or educational activities were removed, but the training or activity must have an expected outcome.

Section 15.6, D: Procedures for reconsideration and Fair Hearings were clarified.

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