

## 2.8 CHILDREN UNDER AGE 19

### A. CLOSURES

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

- Moves out of state; or
- Dies; or
- Was approved for Medicaid in error; or
- Was approved for Medicaid because of client misrepresentation; or
- 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.

If a child is receiving inpatient 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.

- Does not have verification of citizenship and/or identity after match with hub. Refer to Chapter 4.3.
- Is approved for SSI and is eligible for SSI Medicaid.
- Is incarcerated or institutionalized.

In addition, Medicaid is closed at the request of the child's payee.

**NOTE:** When a child loses eligibility and his family is receiving Transitional Medicaid (TM) or Extended Medicaid, he is included in the AG, if otherwise eligible.

**NOTE:** A child who is otherwise eligible for Medicaid, but who fails to meet a non-financial Medicaid eligibility requirement, such as documentation of citizenship or cooperation in pursuing medical support, does not qualify for WV CHIP.

**NOTE:** In no instance is Medicaid coverage under one coverage group to be stopped without consideration of Medicaid eligibility under all over coverage groups.

**B. CHANGE IN INCOME**

A change in income does not affect eligibility once the 12-month CME period is established. In addition, a reduction in the number of people included in the Needs Group of the child does not affect eligibility once the 12-month CME period has been established.

**EXAMPLE:** A child, age 15, is approved for Medicaid in May. In July his mother changes jobs and the income of the family now exceeds the eligibility threshold. The child's Medicaid eligibility continues through April, even though income is excessive.

**C. OTHER CHANGES**

A change that is not specified in item A above does not affect a child's 12-month CME period once it is established.

A child who begins receiving SSI will change to the appropriate coverage group.

See Section 2.1,C for special instructions about the addition of newborn children to Medicaid cases.

**NOTE:** When a child leaves one home and moves to another in West Virginia and none of the criteria above for closure is met, the child retains his eligibility through the end of his current CME period. If the current payee for the child agrees, another individual may receive Medicaid for the child, so long as the child remains eligible through the end of the current CME period. Any eligibility changes are made at redetermination.