

## 5. Child Support Requirements

WV CHIP children are not referred to BCSE and are not required to pursue or accept child/spousal support as a condition of eligibility. The Worker must explain the availability of child support services on a voluntary basis. The RAPIDS automatic referral to BCSE is blocked for WV CHIP children.

## 6. Backdating Coverage

The policy which allows Medicaid coverage to be backdated up to 3 months prior to the date of application does not apply to WV CHIP benefits.

The following situations require the Worker to backdate WV CHIP coverage.

- Failure of the Worker to request additional information in a timely manner and the delay results in a loss of coverage; or
- Failure of the Worker to approve a complete application within 13 days of receipt and the delay results in a loss of coverage; or
- Inability of the Worker to approve coverage beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month when the applicant applies and/or establishes eligibility too late in the month and the data system deadline for next month approval has passed.
- The child was eligible for a Medicaid group with a spenddown but failed to meet it during the 30-day period. In this situation, since the child at this point is ineligible for Medicaid, he is evaluated for WV CHIP. If eligible the beginning date of coverage is based on the date that all information needed to establish WV CHIP eligibility was provided.
- **At the request of WV CHIP administration.**