

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §33-16A-5

## **§33-16A-5. Persons for whom coverage not required.**

The insurer shall not be required to issue a converted policy covering any person if such person is or could be covered by Medicare (Title XVIII of the United State Social Security Act as supplemented by the Social Security Amendments of 1965 or as later amended or superseded). Furthermore, the insurer shall not be required to issue a converted policy covering any person if:

- (a) (1) Such person is covered for similar benefits by another hospital, surgical, medical or major medical expense insurance policy or hospital or medical service subscriber contract or medical practice or other prepayment plan or by any other plan or program; or
- (2) Similar benefits are provided to such person, pursuant to or in accordance with the requirements of any state or federal law; and
- (b) The benefits provided under the sources referred to in (1) above for such person or benefits provided under the sources referred to in (2) above for such person, together with the benefits provided by the converted policy, would result in overinsurance according to the insurer's standards. The insurer's standards must bear some reasonable relationship to actual health care costs in the area in which the insured lives at the time of conversion and must be filed with the commissioner prior to their use in denying coverage.