



## Simplifying the MHC Act, 2017

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### Introduction

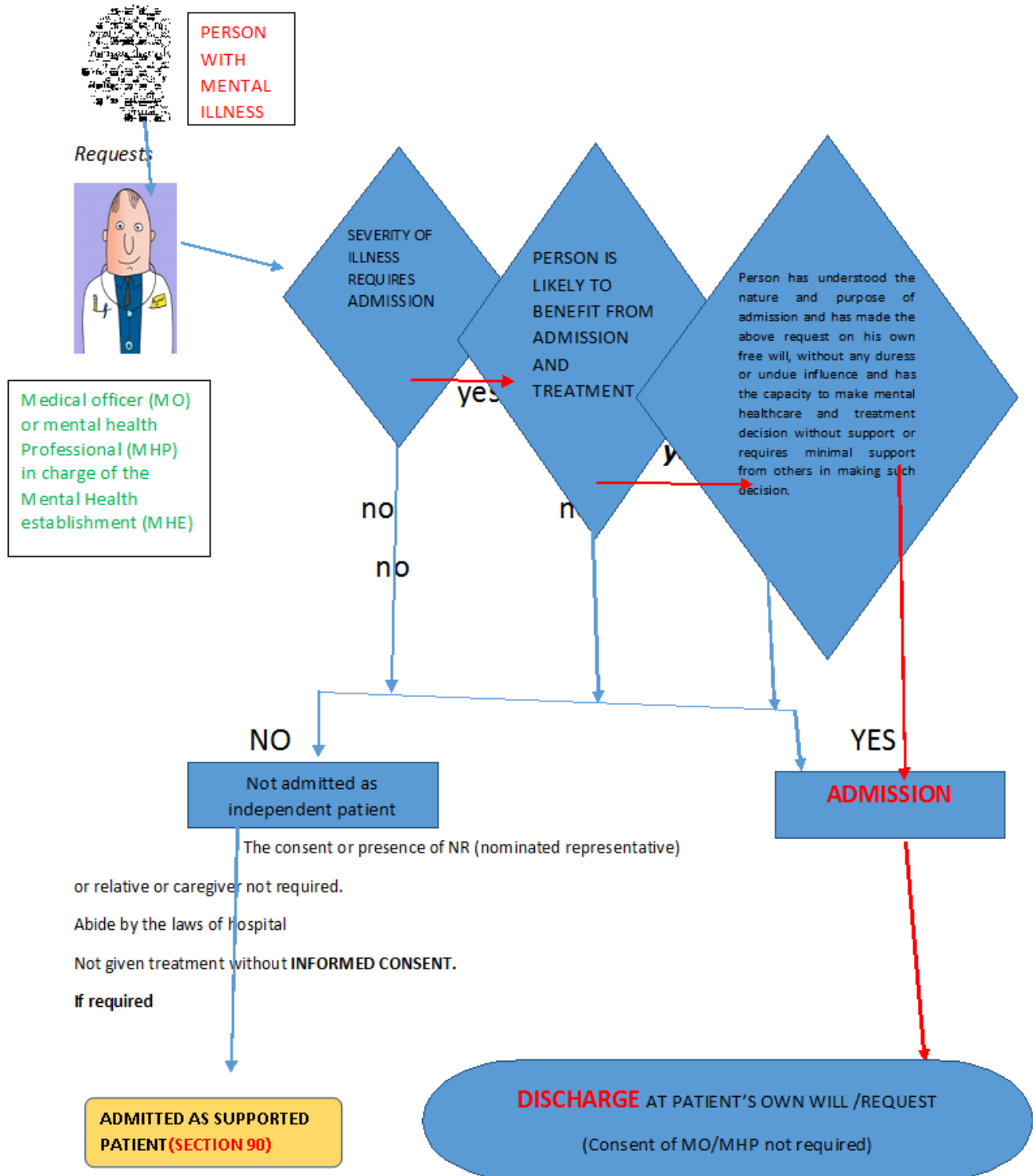
Every ACT is a long complicated document taking a long time for a busy clinician to interpret and apply in the daily OPD and ward management. Keeping in mind the heavy patient load and shortage of time for doctors, here is an attempt to simplify the admission and discharge processes in the act in the form of easy to access flow charts.

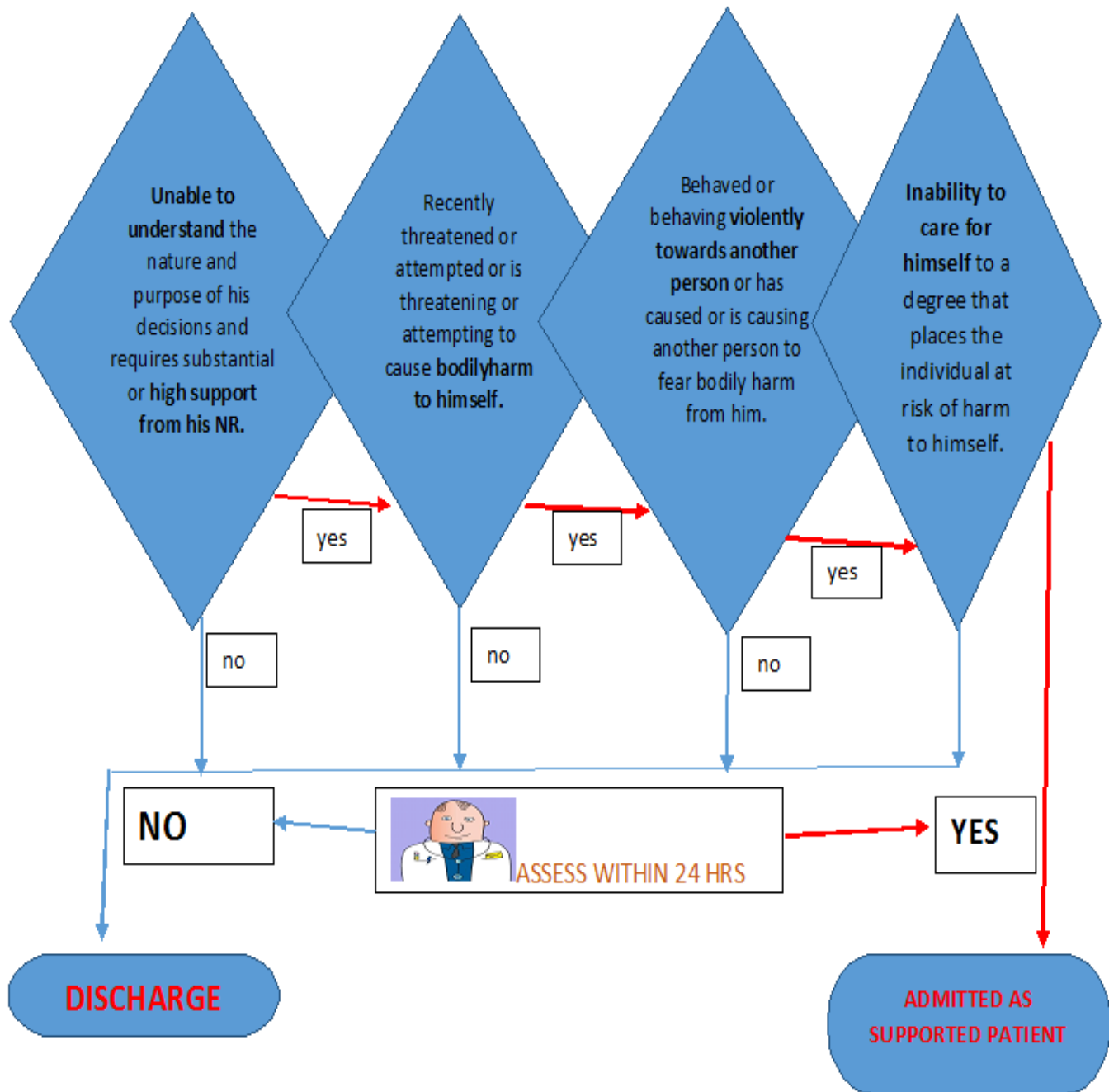
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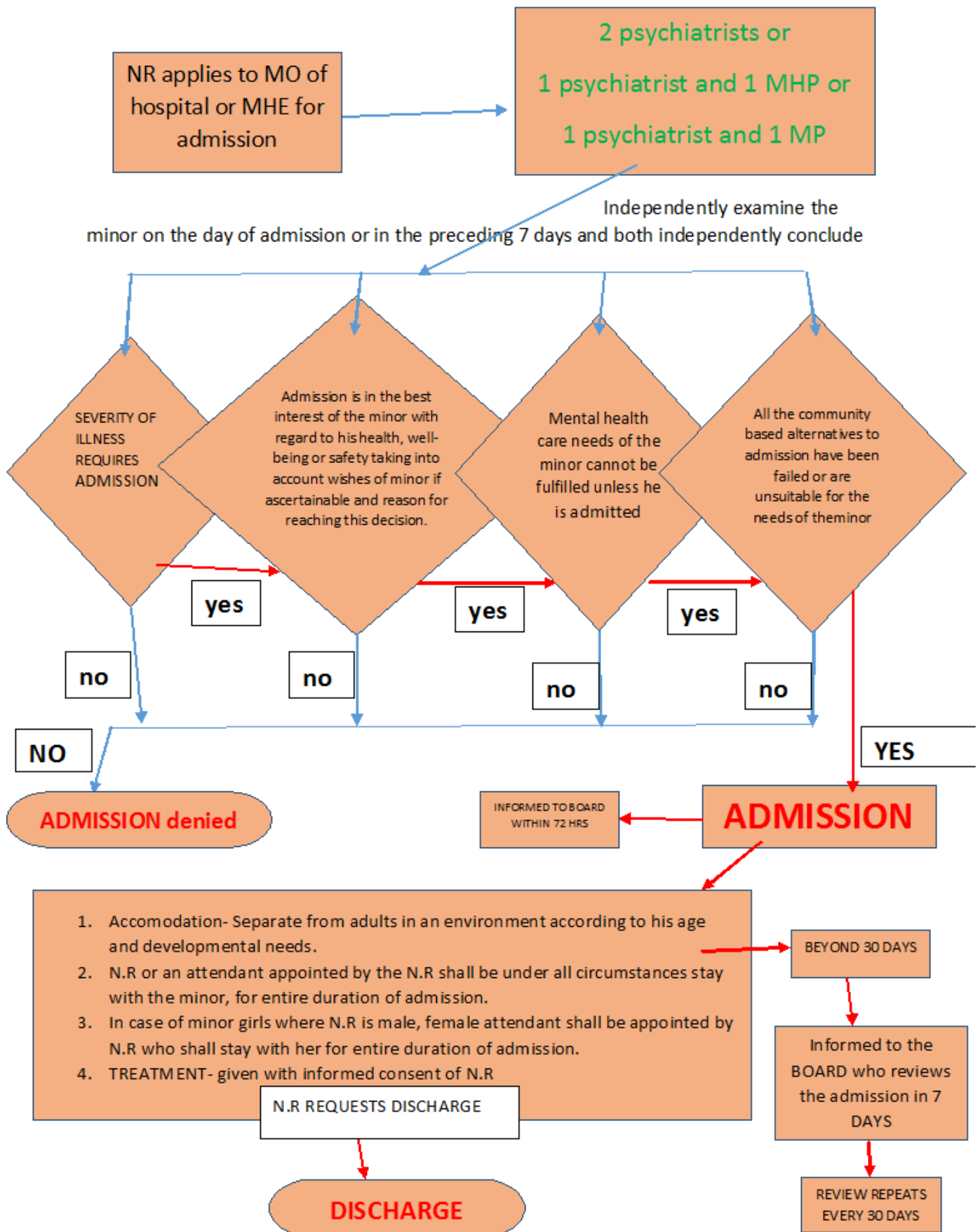
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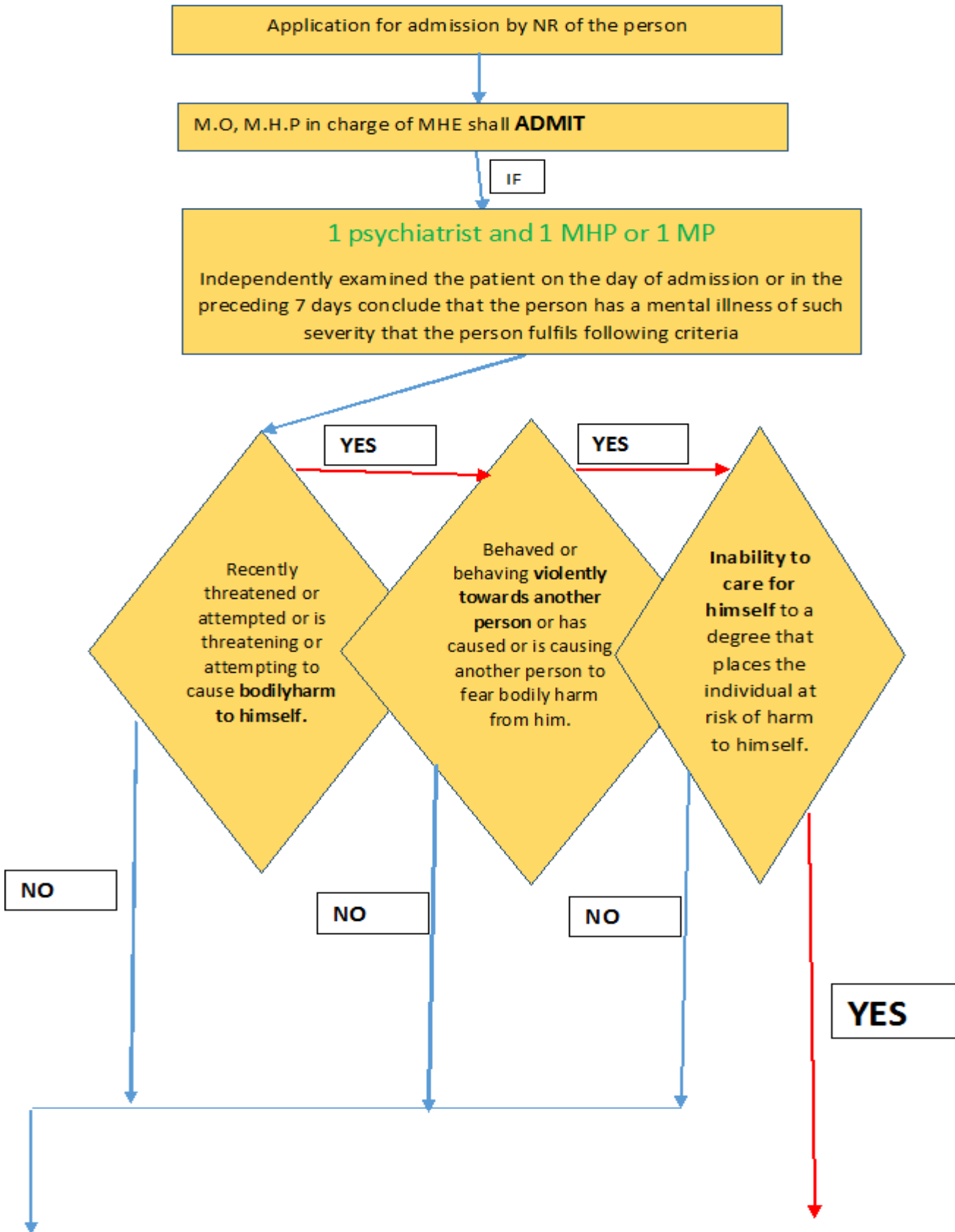
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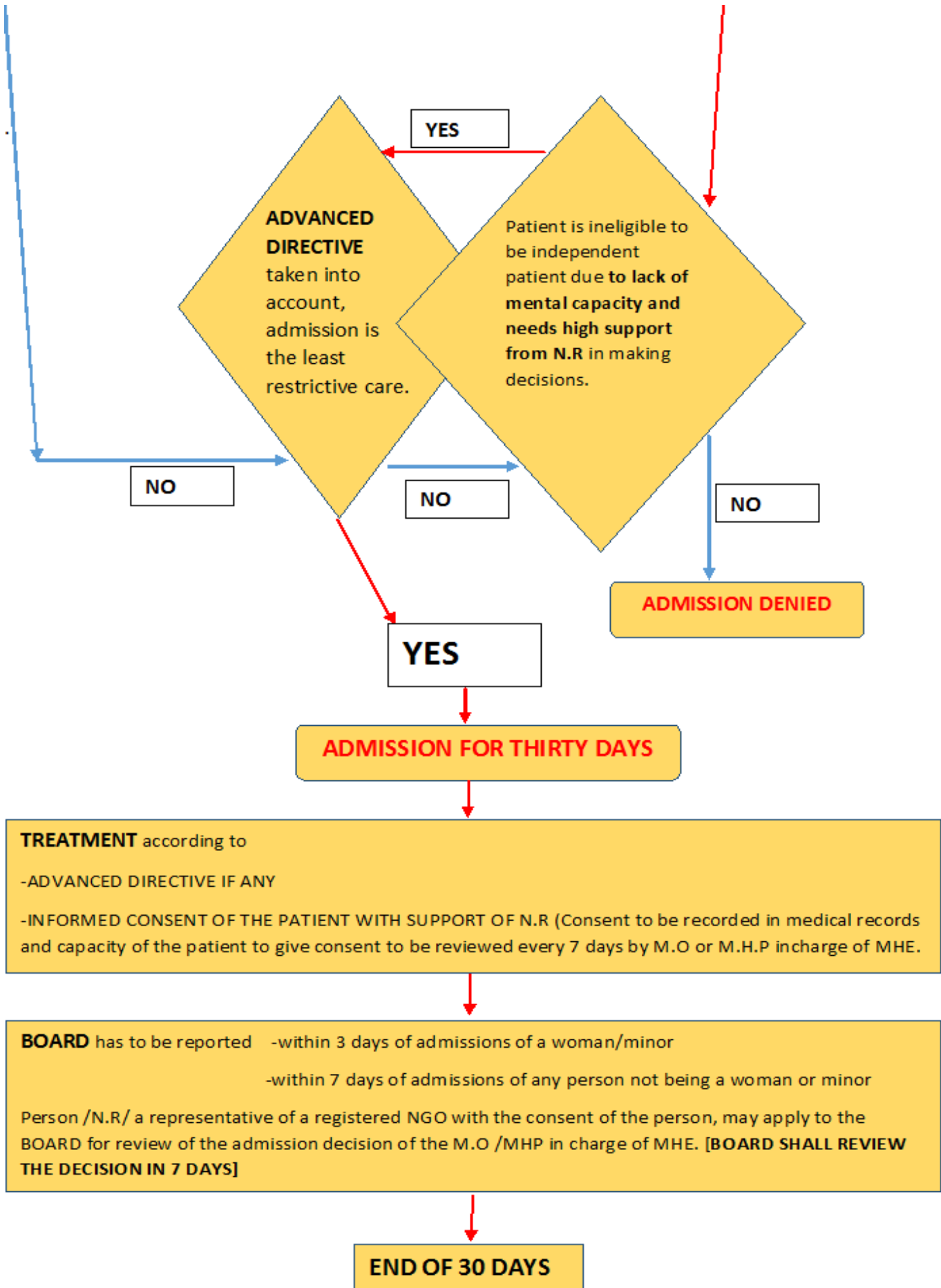
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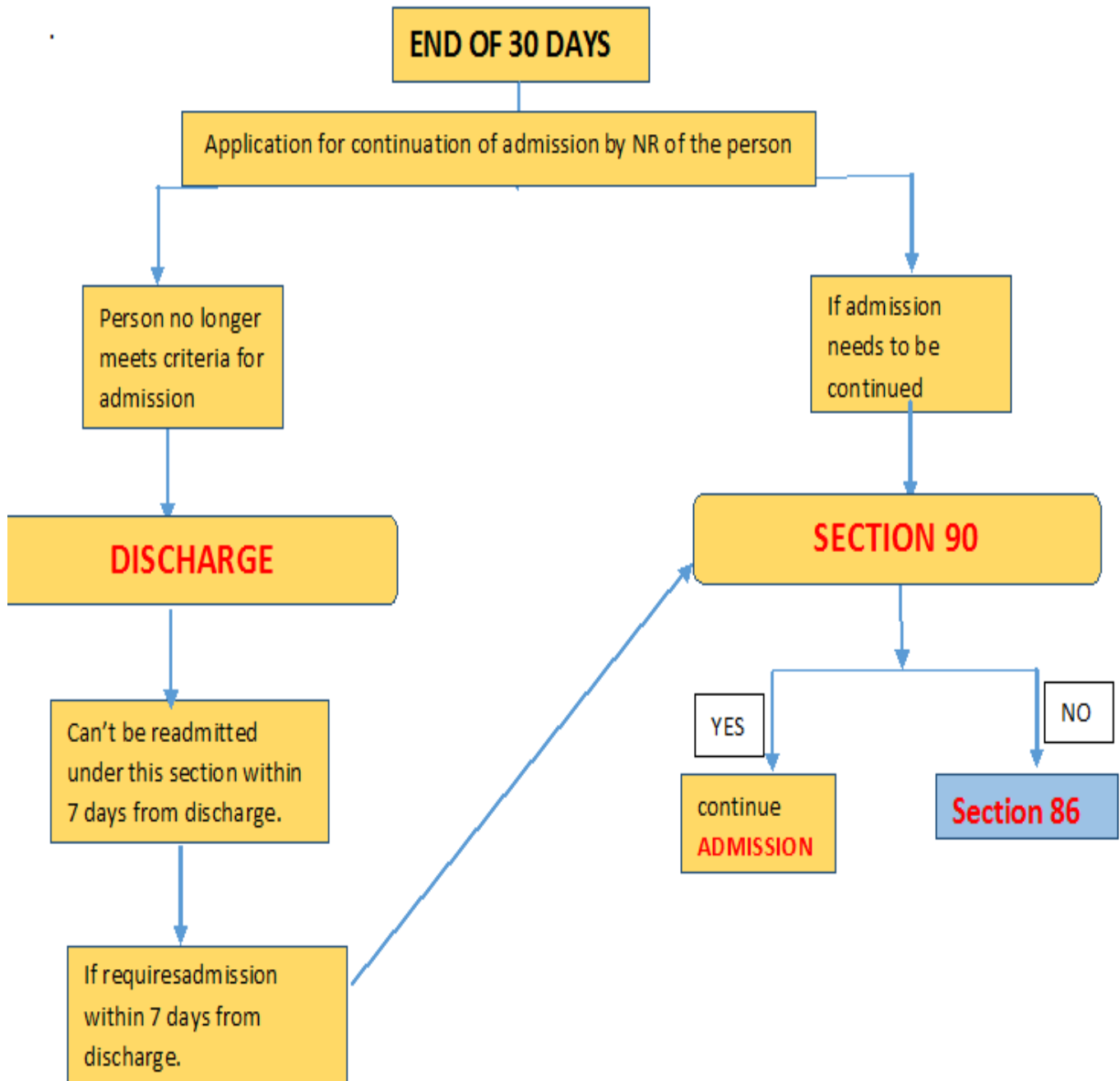


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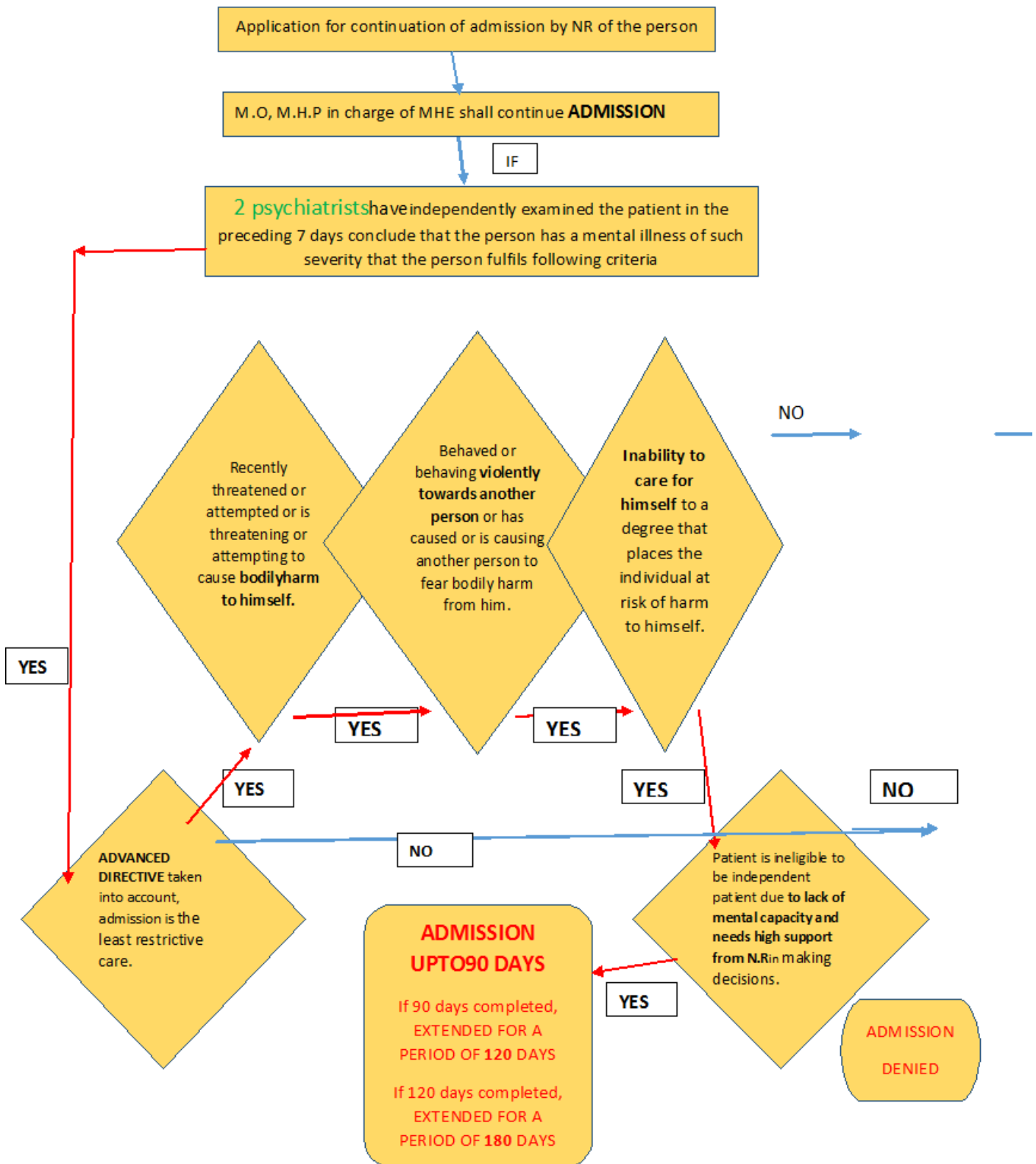






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**TREATMENT** according to

-ADVANCED DIRECTIVE IF ANY

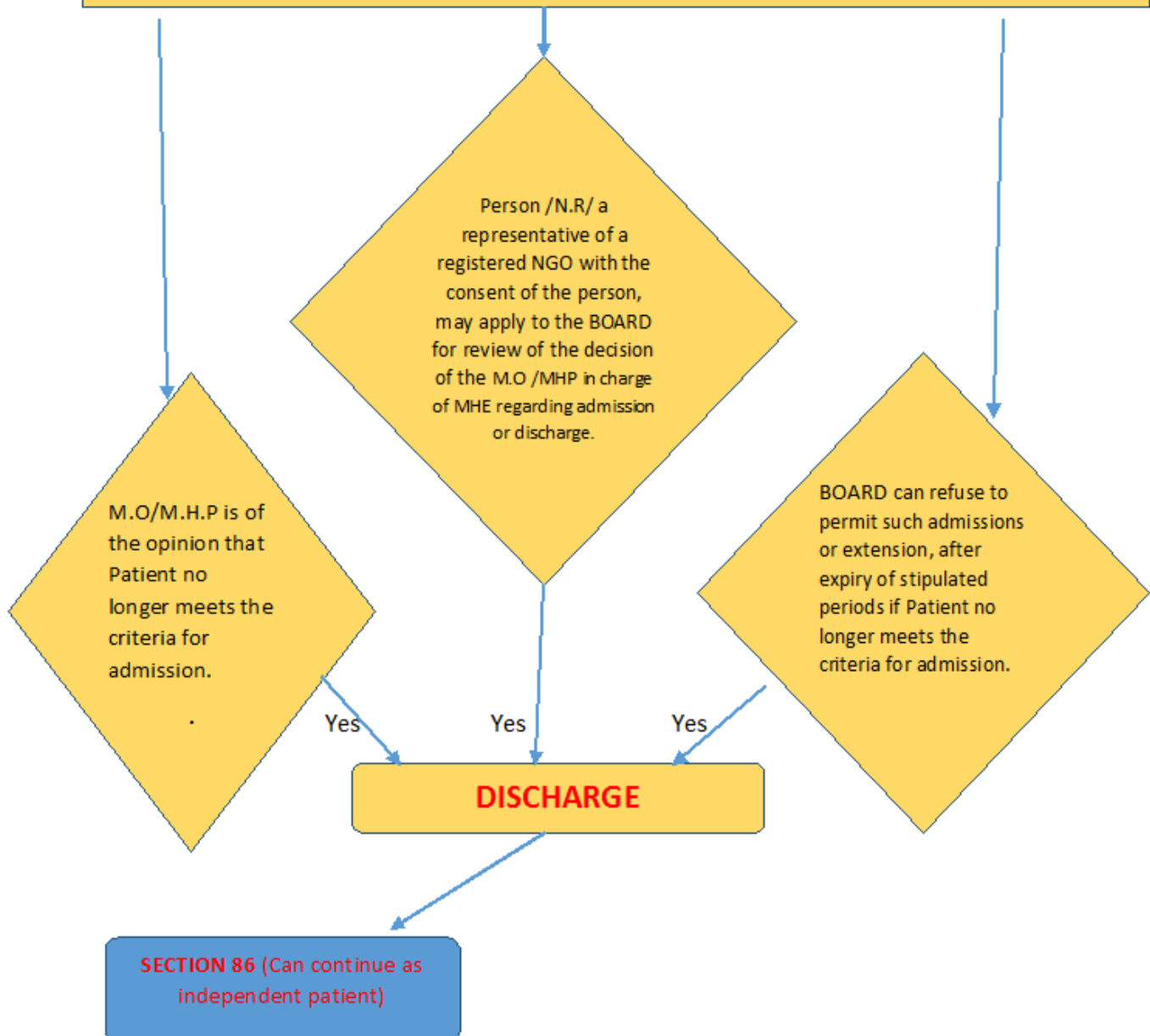
-INFORMED CONSENT OF THE PATIENT WITH SUPPORT OF N.R (Consent to be recorded in medical records and capacity of the patient to give consent to be reviewed every 15 days by M.O or M.H.P incharge of MHE.

**BOARD** has to be reported by M.O/M.H.P within 7 days of admissions or readmissions.

BOARD shall permit such admissions or readmissions or order discharge within 21 days from the date of last admissions or readmissions.

While doing the above it shall examine the need of institutional care to such person and whether such care can't be provided in *less restrictive settings based in the community*.

M.O /Psychiatrist in charge of treatment has to submit a plan for community based treatment and progress made or likely to be made towards realising the plan.



**Abbreviations**

N.R – Nominated Representative

M.O – Medical Officer

M.P- Medical Practitioner

M.H.P- Mental Health Professional

M.H.E- Mental Health Eshtablishment

**Reference**

1. Gazette of India For Mental Health Act 2017.