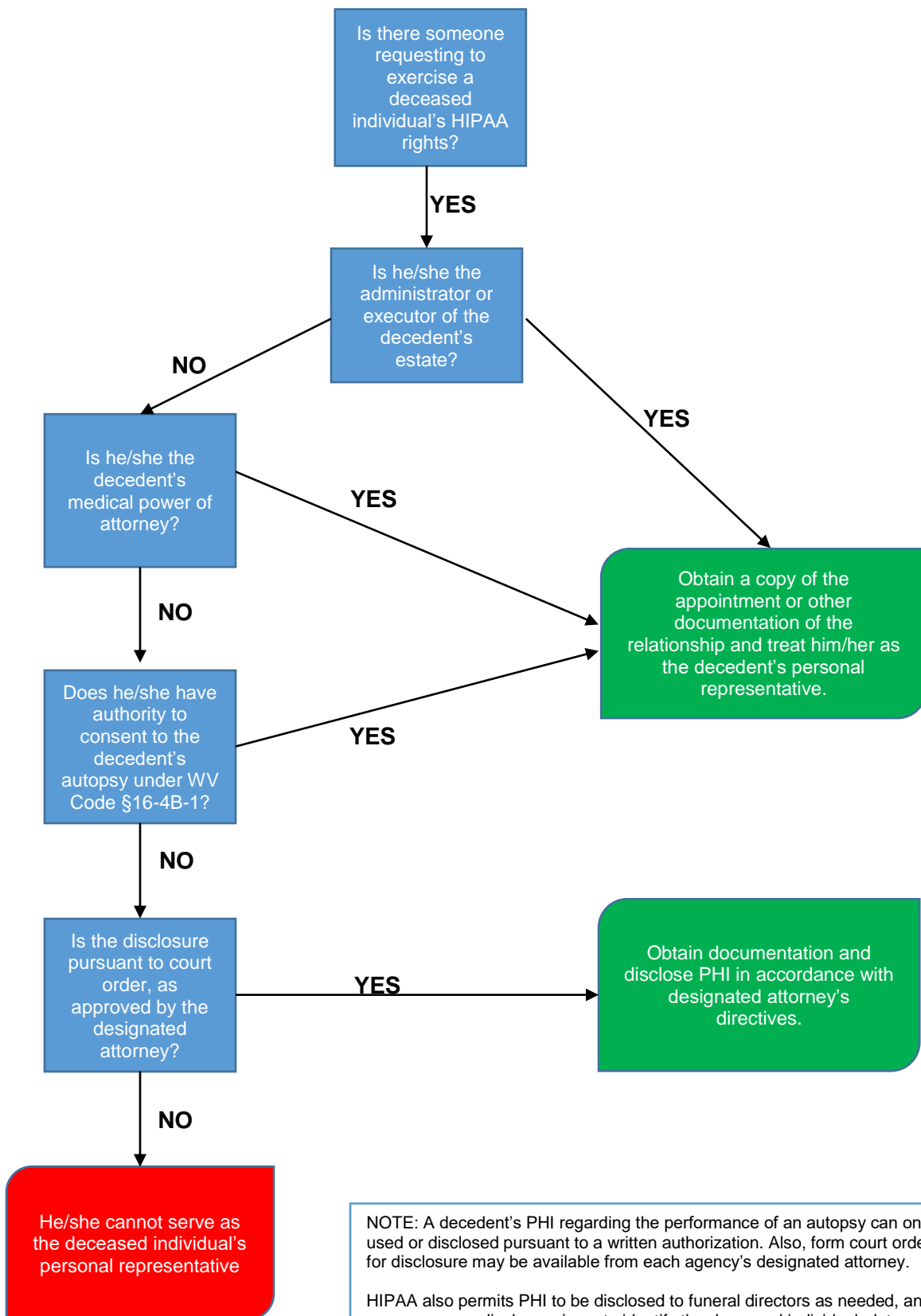


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NOTE: A decedent's PHI regarding the performance of an autopsy can only be used or disclosed pursuant to a written authorization. Also, form court orders for disclosure may be available from each agency's designated attorney.

HIPAA also permits PHI to be disclosed to funeral directors as needed, and to coroners or medical examiners to identify the deceased individual, determine the cause of death, and perform other functions authorized by law.