# Adult Depression Treatment Flow Diagram
## (MPXG5003 Policy Attachment A)
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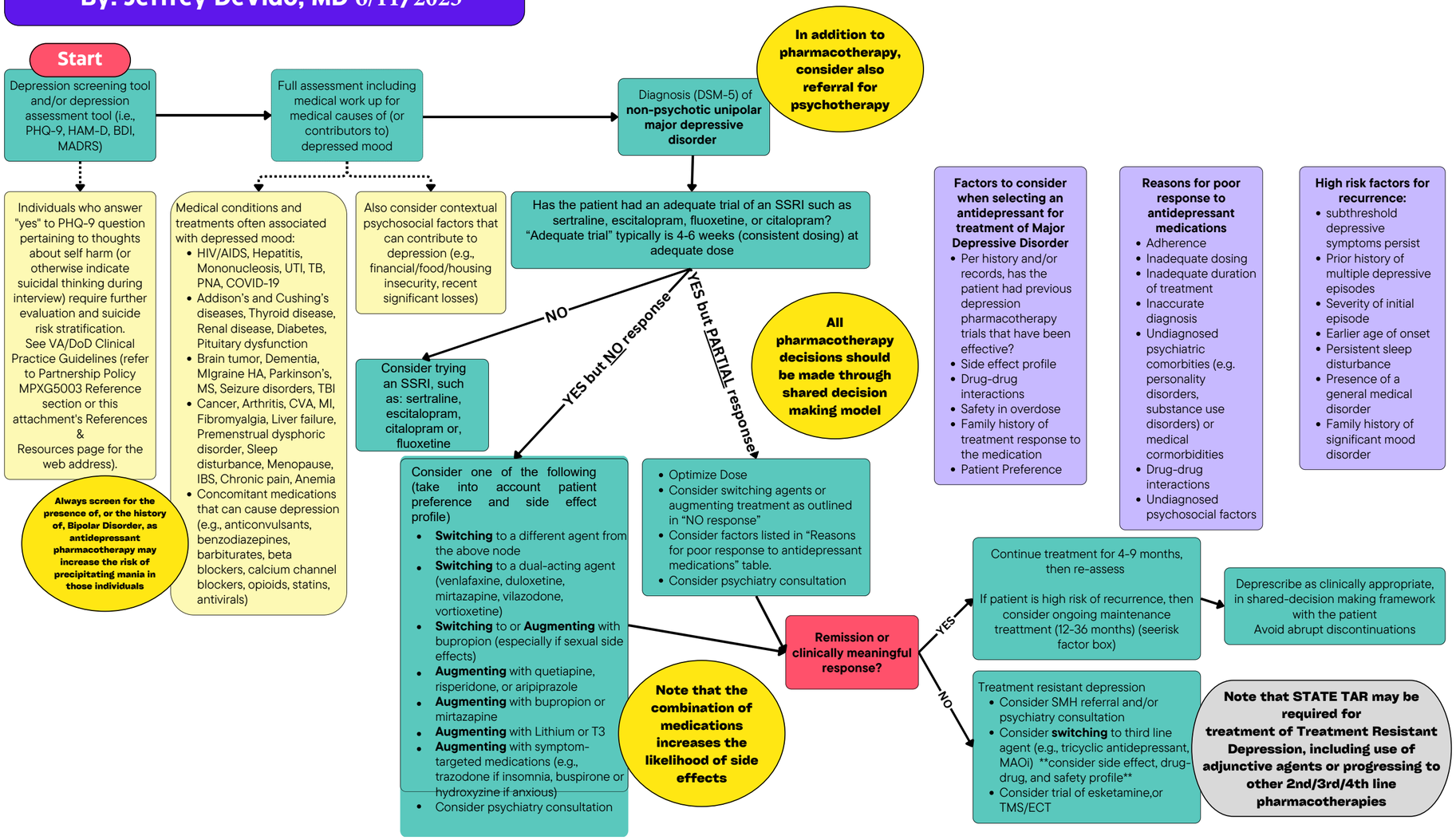
**Medi-Cal mental health treatment services are divided between county specialty mental health (SMH) and managed care plan non-specialty mental health (NSMH) programs. The differentiation is based on clinical severity, with higher severity patients being preferentially routed to SMH systems of care. For members with Partnership Advantage, Partnership is responsible for coordination of services for all levels of severity [See: MPBP8003].**




This algorithm is drawn from several sources listed below. This algorithm is not intended to be comprehensive or definitive; rather, it aims to provide one possible approach to depression pharmacotherapy that could be considered in primary care practice settings.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