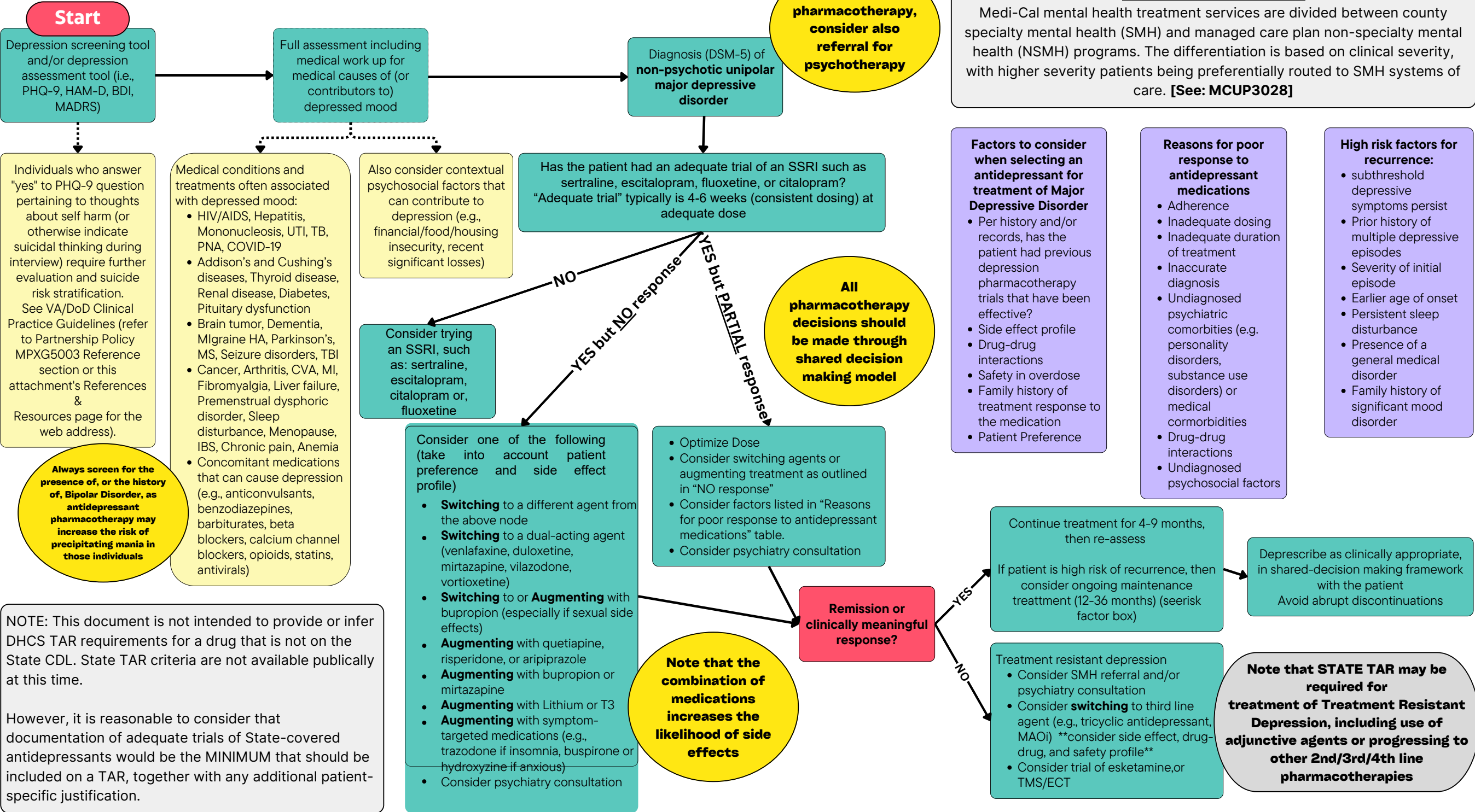


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PROVIDERS PLEASE NOTE:
As of January 1, 2022, the pharmacy benefit for all Medi-Cal enrollees (including Partnership members) is administered through DHCS State Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service. Check the State Medi-Cal Provider Manuals for information on covered drugs and how to submit TARS on/after 1/1/2022. Web links are provided for your convenience (see references).



Depression pharmacotherapies are the responsibility of State Medi-Cal. If the pharmacotherapy is on the State Medi-Cal Covered Drug List (CDL), then no TAR is required. If the pharmacotherapy is not on the CDL then a TAR is required (submitted to Medi-Cal RX, not PHC).

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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