

Health Coverage for Uninsured Immigrants

[Note: This is a summary only. See the Ohio Administrative Code for details.]

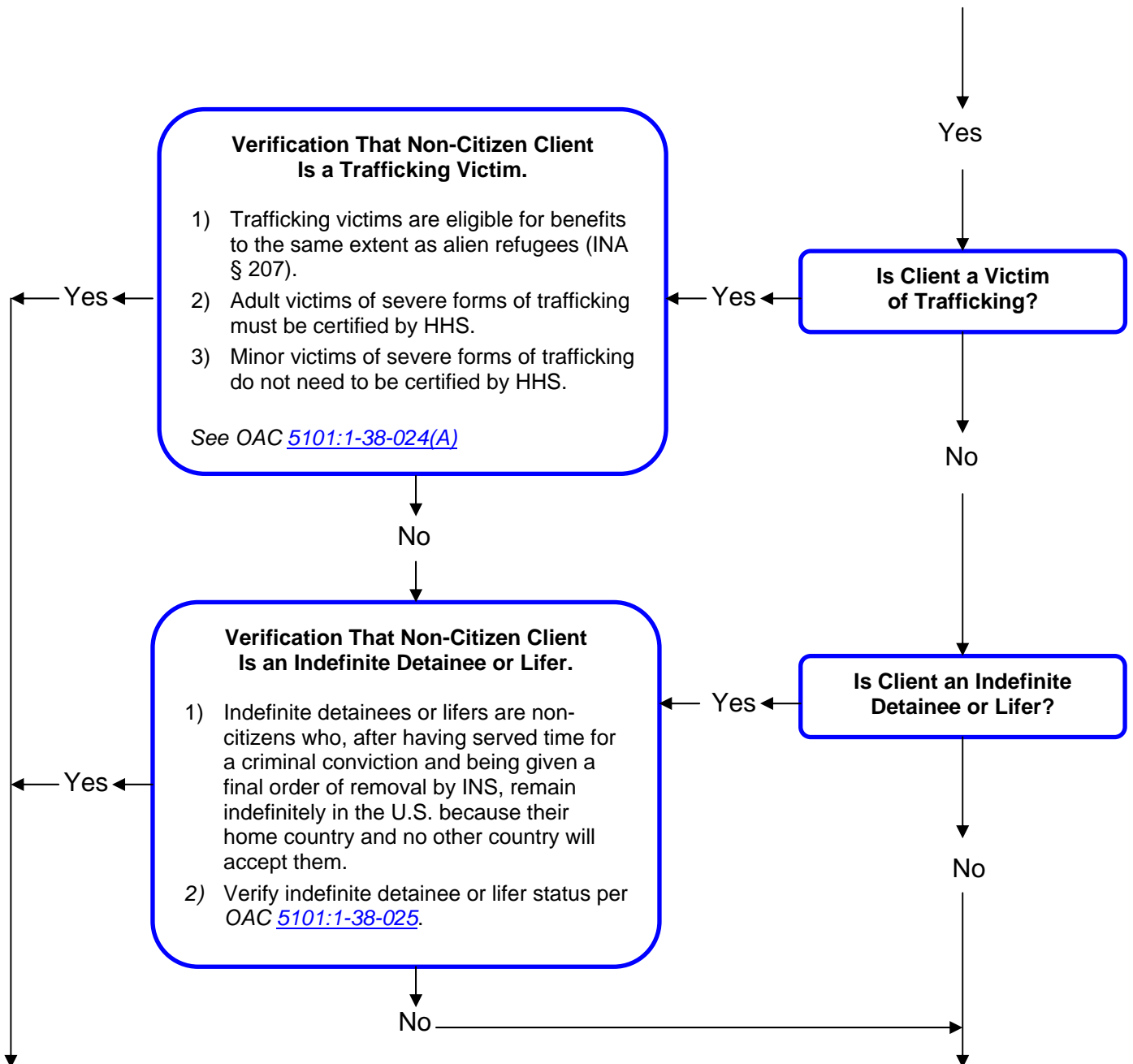
Step 1: Verification of Alien Status

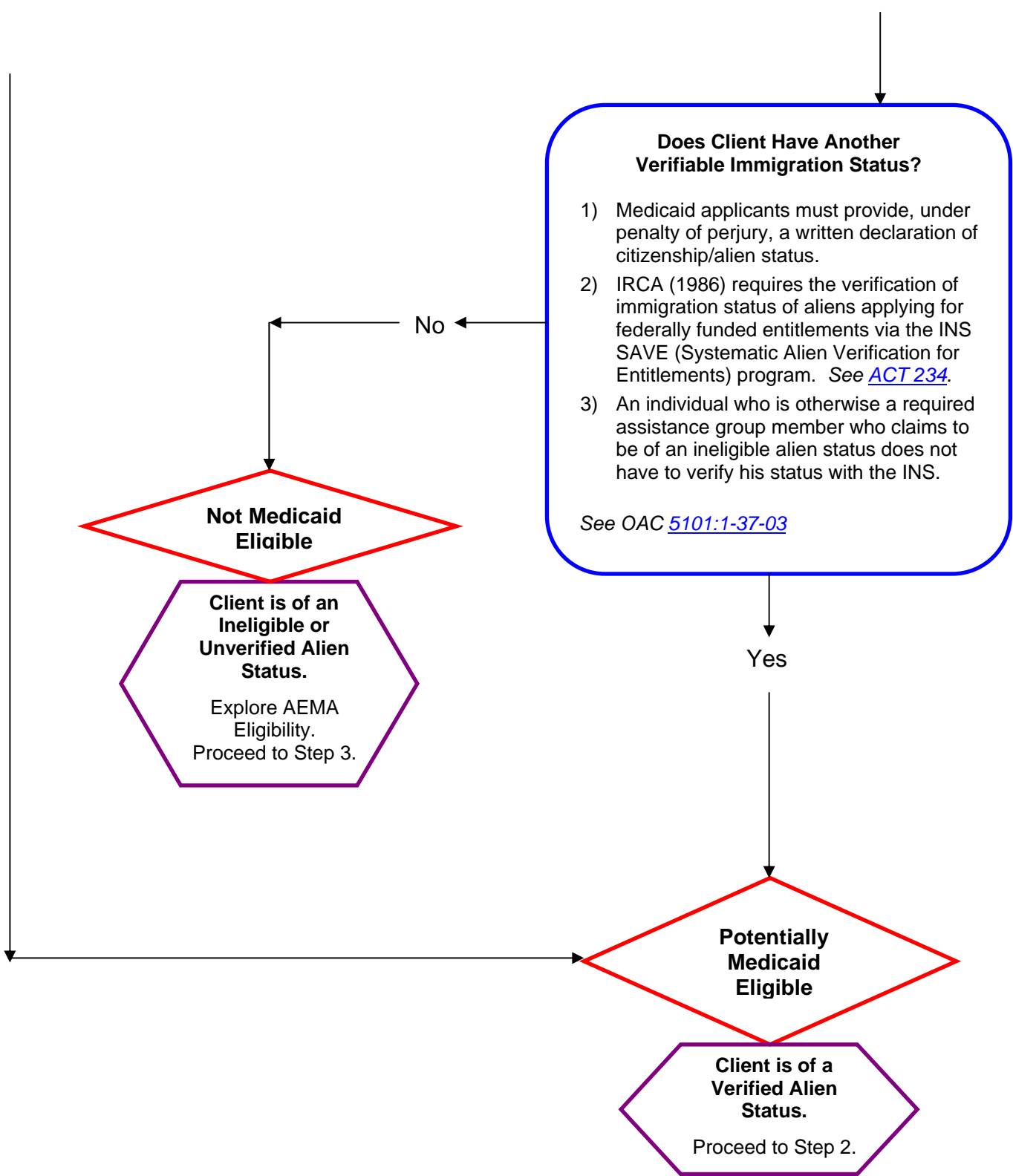
Is Client a Non-Citizen Who Meets All Other Medicaid Eligibility Criteria?

Non-citizens, applying for medical assistance, shall provide verification of their alien status in accordance with rules 5101:1-37-03, 5101:1-38-023, 5101:1-38-024, and 5101:1-38-025.

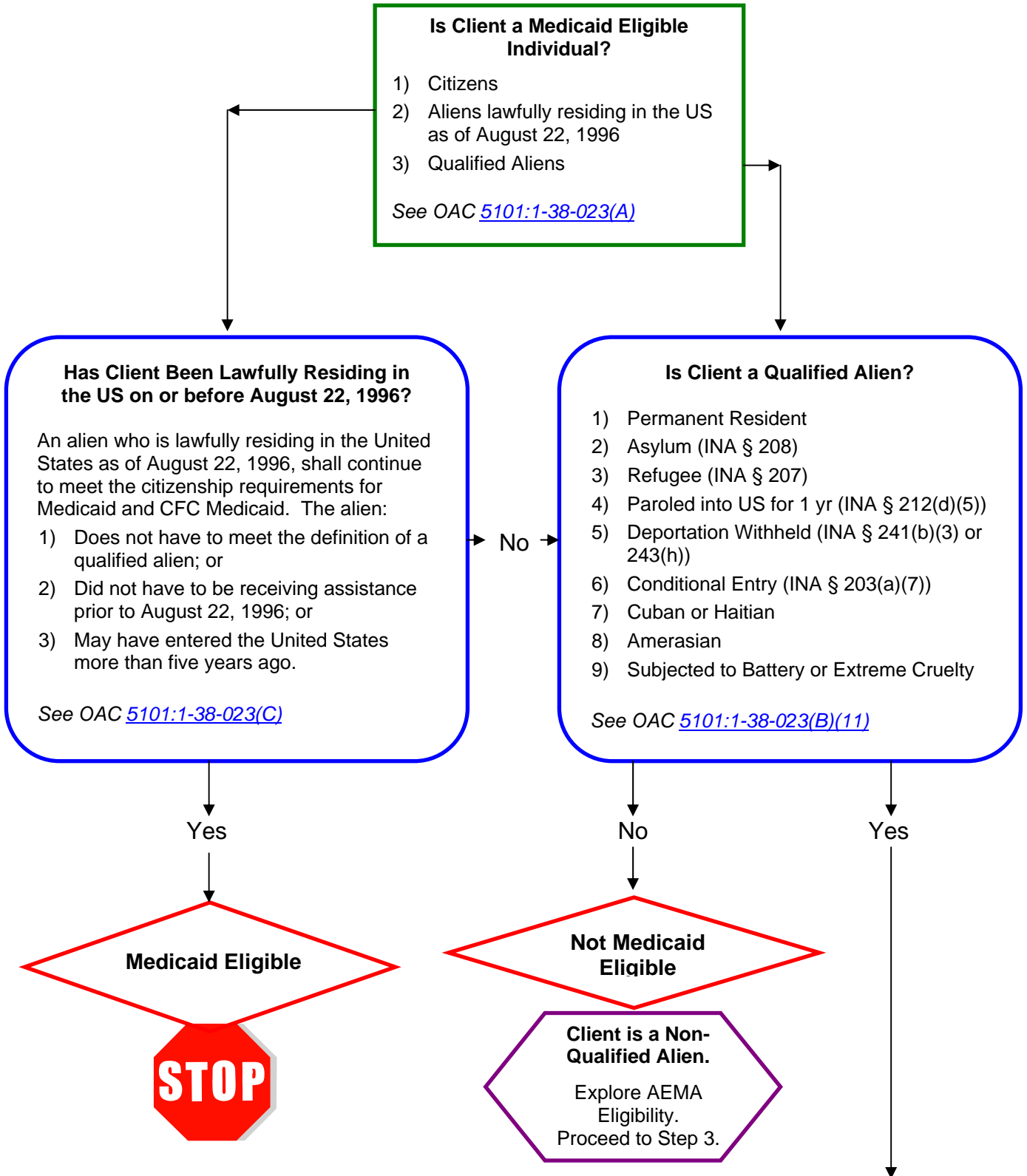
Note: The Medicaid program does not report citizenship information to the INS.

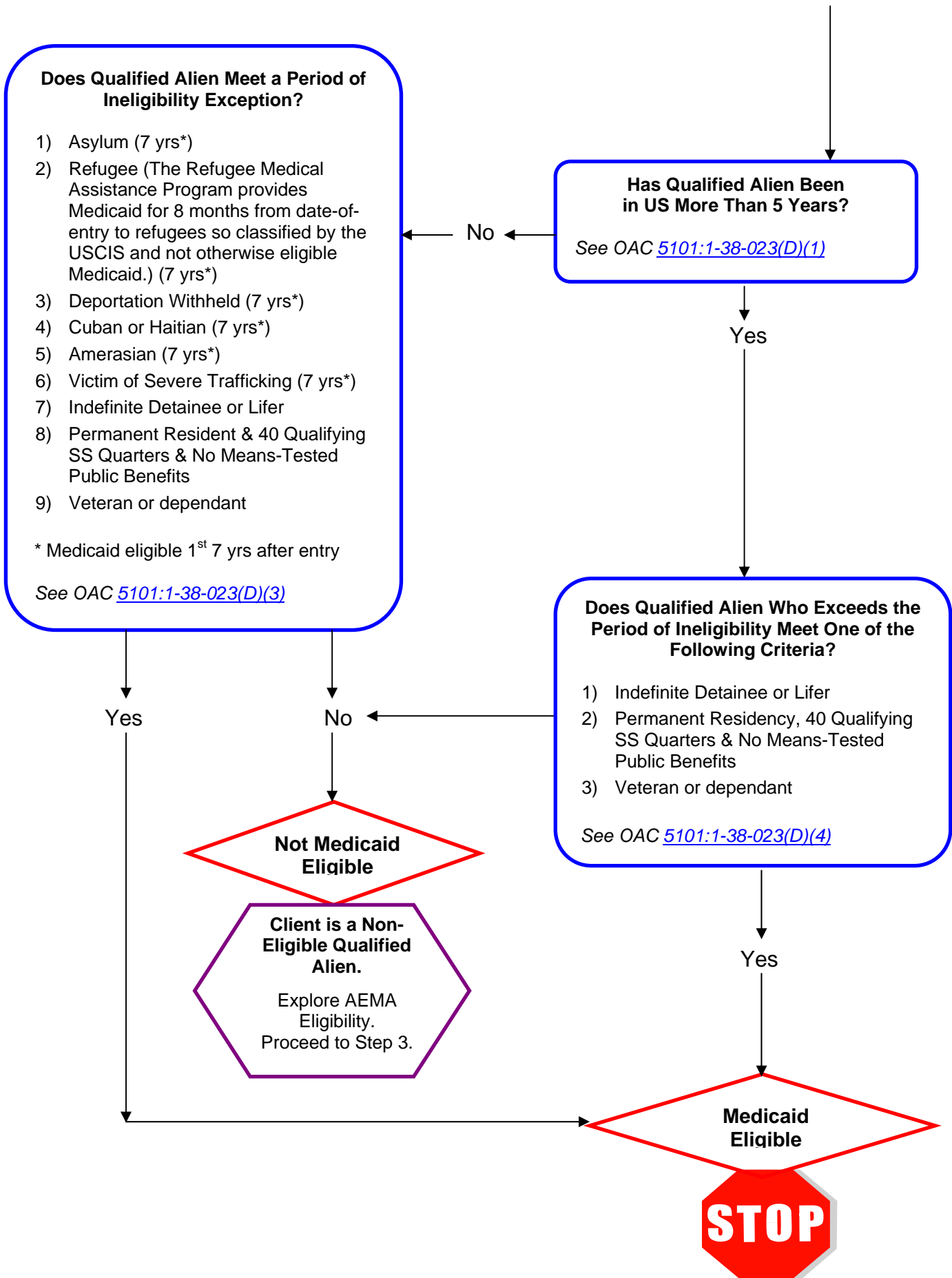
See OAC [5101:1-38-02\(C\)\(2\)\(d\)](#)





Step 2: Alien Medicaid Eligibility





Step 3: Alien Emergency Medicaid Assistance

Is Client AEMA Eligible?

Non-U.S. citizens who are not eligible for Medicaid may be eligible for AEMA. AEMA will only pay for medical costs for an emergency medical condition (e.g., cost of childbirth, labor and delivery). Applicants are not required to provide a social security number or documentation of immigration status.

See OAC [5101:1-41-20\(A\)](#)

Yes

Did Client Have an Emergency Medical Condition?

- 1) After sudden onset, a medical condition, including labor and delivery, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.
- 2) The emergency medical condition episode lasts only so long as it meets the above definition.
- 3) A new medical assistance application is required for each emergency medical assistance episode.

See OAC [5101:1-41-20\(B\)\(4\)&\(5\)](#)

Does Client Meet the Following Criteria?

- 1) Meets financial and categorical Medicaid eligibility requirements
- 2) Residing in Ohio
- 3) Is one of the following:
 - a) Non-Qualified Alien
 - b) Optional Qualified Alien
 - c) Qualified Alien in 5 year ineligibility period
- 4) Client does not have to:
 - a) Meet the Medicaid citizenship requirements
 - b) Provide a Social Security no.
 - c) Provide immigration status
 - d) Have a face-to-face interview
- 5) Client not subject to alien-sponsor deeming provisions

See OAC [5101:1-41-20\(C\)](#)

Yes

Yes

No

No

AMEA
Eligible

STOP

Not AMEA
Eligible

Explore HCAP
Eligibility.
Proceed to Step 4.

Step 4: Hospital Care Assurance Program

Is Client HCAP Eligible?

HCAP is an Ohio law that requires hospitals to provide basic medically necessary hospital-level services, free of charge to Ohio residents who are not Medicaid eligible and whose incomes are at or below poverty level or who qualify for Disability Medical Assistance (DMA). It is available to all Ohio residents, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, but it only covers the hospital bill.

See ORC § [5112.17\(B\)](#) and generally ORC Chapter 5112

Yes

Does Client Meet the Following Criteria?

- 1) Residing in Ohio
- 2) Not Medicaid Eligible
- 3) Household income at or below FPL. Using the lower of:
 - a) Income for 3 months prior to date of hospital service and multiply by 4, or
 - b) Income 12 months prior to date of hospital service.
- 4) Client can apply up to 3 years after they are notified about the HCAP program.
- 5) Current or prior hospital bills, whether paid or unpaid, can still be covered by HCAP.
- 6) The client will be reimbursed for paid bills that are HCAP eligible.
- 7) Apply for and submit a signed HCAP application through the hospital's billing department.

Note: Clients should ask hospital billing departments to provide documentation stating they qualified for HCAP or other programs. The patient can then share this documentation with non-HCAP-covered providers who may reduce or drop their fees.

See OAC [5101:3-2-07.17](#)

No

Yes

Does Client Qualify for a Hospital Financial Assistance Program?

For patients who do not qualify for HCAP, all local hospitals have their own financial assistance programs. Since these programs are voluntary, each hospital has different rules and procedures.

HCAP
Eligible

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