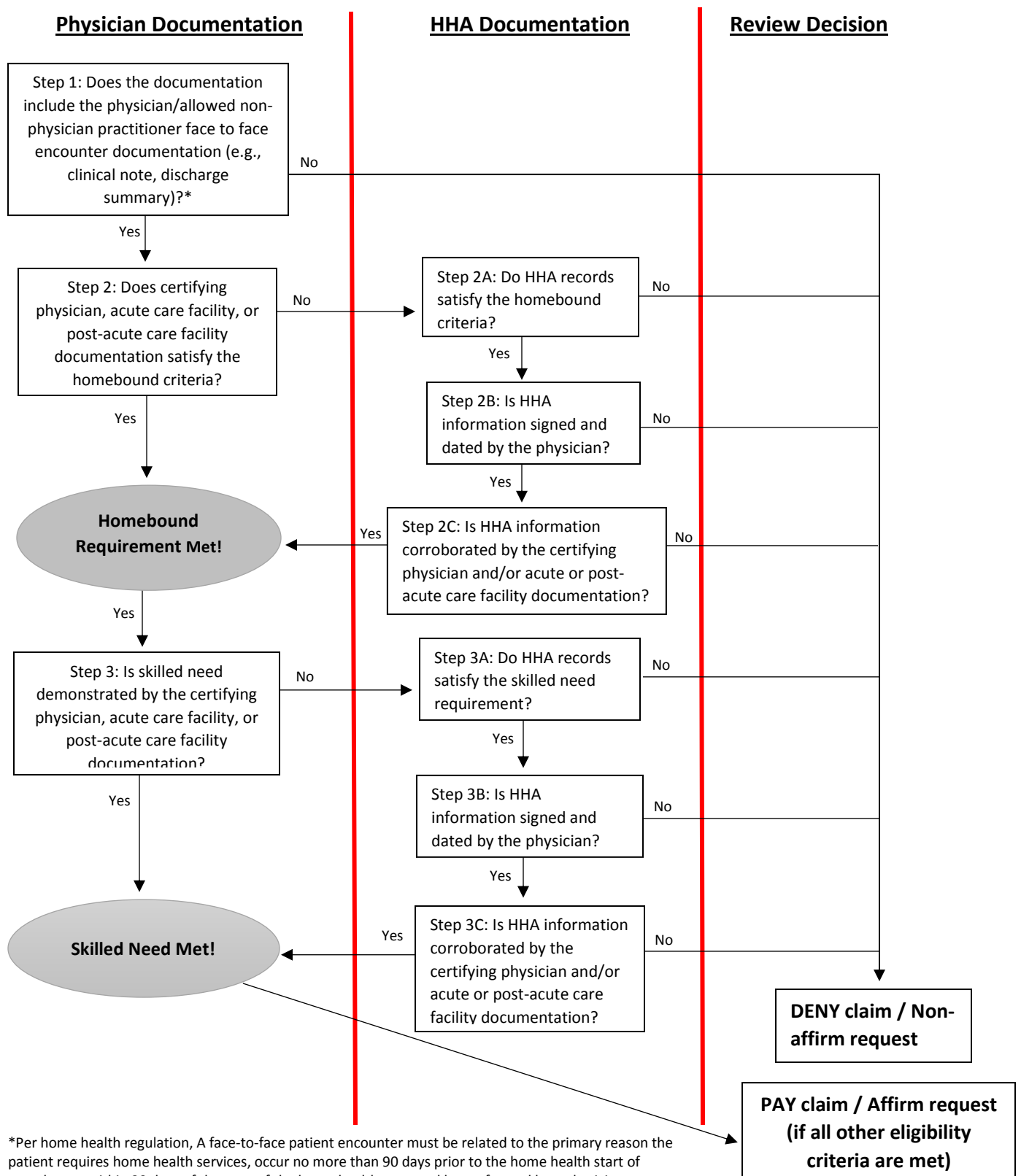


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*Per home health regulation, A face-to-face patient encounter must be related to the primary reason the patient requires home health services, occur no more than 90 days prior to the home health start of care date or within 30 days of the start of the home health care, and be performed by a physician or allowed non-physician practitioner. Throughout the remainder of this flowchart, the reviewer can look to the certifying physician's, acute care facility's, or post-acute care facility's documentation to support beneficiary eligibility for home health services.