Determination of Hospice Medication Coverage

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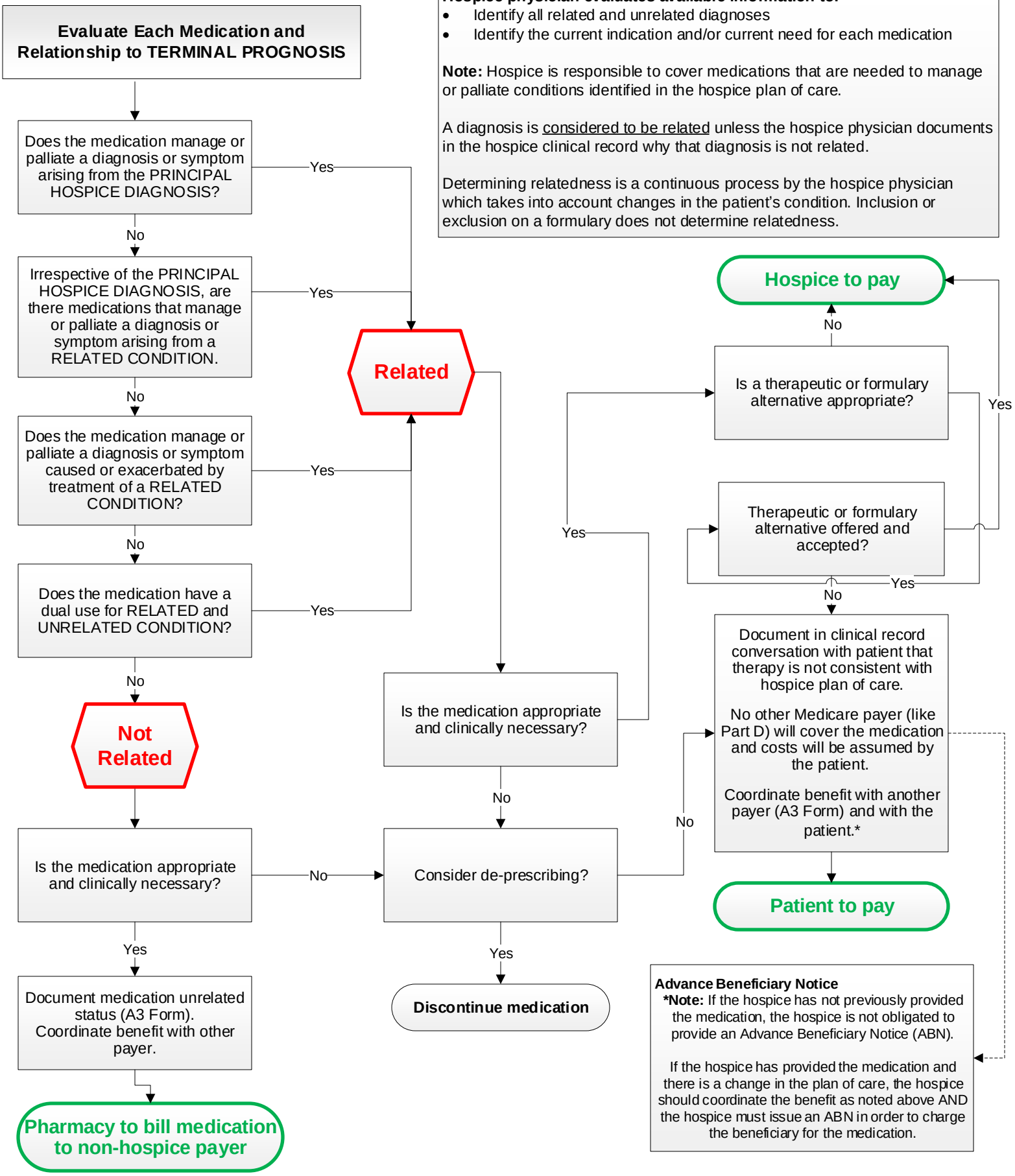
Hospice physician evaluates available information to:

- Identify all related and unrelated diagnoses
- Identify the current indication and/or current need for each medication

Note: Hospice is responsible to cover medications that are needed to manage or palliate conditions identified in the hospice plan of care.

A diagnosis is <u>considered to be related</u> unless the hospice physician documents in the hospice clinical record why that diagnosis is not related.

Determining relatedness is a continuous process by the hospice physician which takes into account changes in the patient's condition. Inclusion or exclusion on a formulary does not determine relatedness.



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