



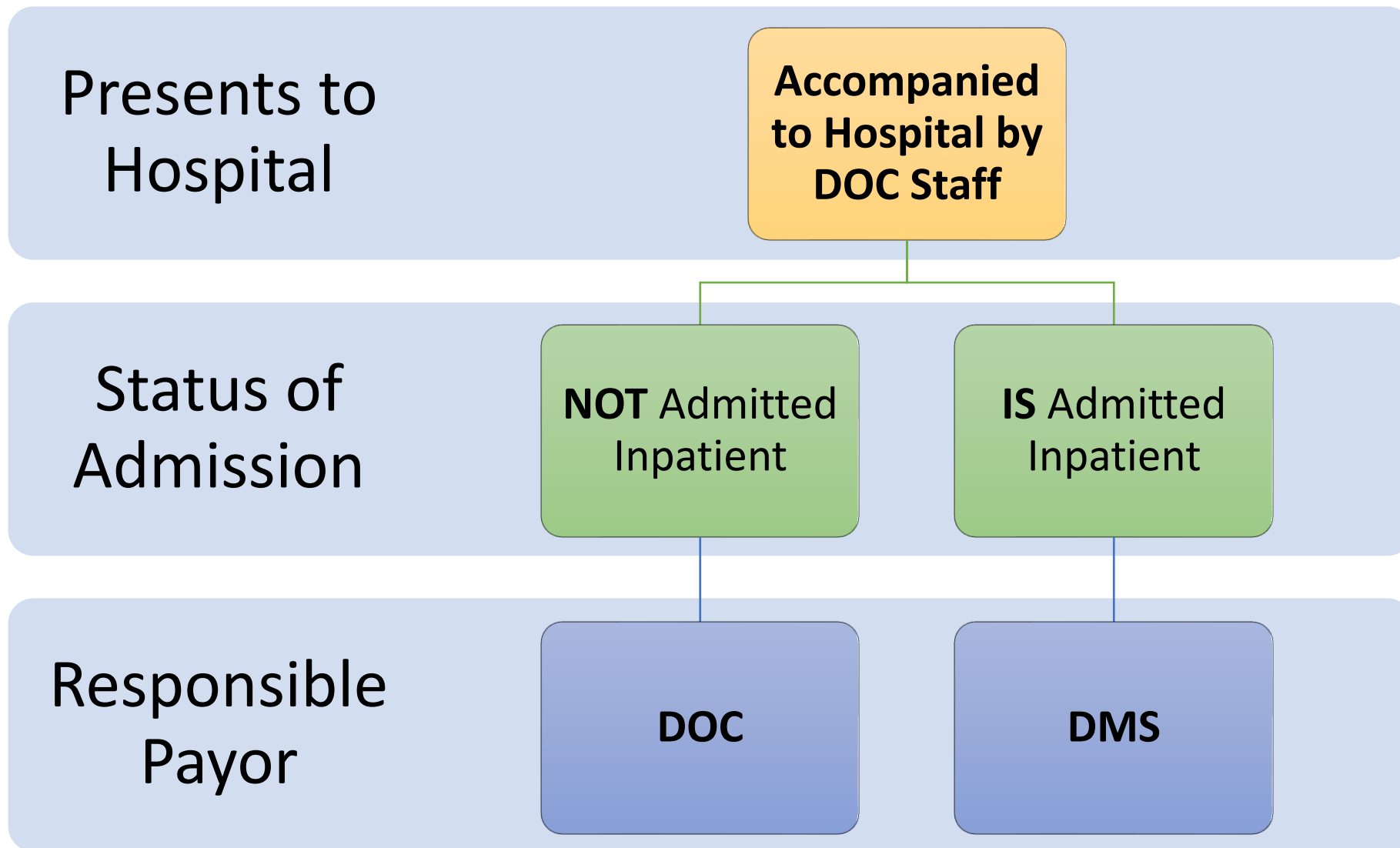
CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Department for Medicaid Services
Decision Tree: Justice Involved Individuals Hospitalization
February 2025

Decision Tree:

Determining Responsible Payor for Incarcerated Individuals Hospitalization

- The proceeding Decision Tree is not all inclusive and should be utilized as a guide for determining the responsible payor for incarcerated individuals that present to a Kentucky hospital.
- Individuals are considered incarcerated at the time of their detainment or arrest.
- The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) only reimburses hospital stays for incarcerated individuals who are admitted inpatient and meet all medically necessary criteria.
- The presenting correctional institution is liable for all outpatient medical claims for a Kentucky Medicaid Member.



Presents to
Hospital

**Accompanied to Hospital
by Jail Staff**

*(Regardless whether the individual is in
the custody of DOC or Jail custody)*

Status of
Admission

**NOT
Admitted
Inpatient**

**IS Admitted
Inpatient**

Responsible
Payor

LOCAL JAIL

DMS

Presents to
Hospital

Accompanied to
Hospital by Out of State
Correctional Staff

Status of
Admission

NOT Admitted
Inpatient

IS Admitted
Inpatient

Responsible
Payor

**TRANSPORTING
STATE**

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