
AOA/ACGME Single GME Accreditation System

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Joint Education Committee

- Established to learn:
 - What osteopathic community needs to know about ACGME accreditation
 - How best to delivery necessary information
- Membership:

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Outline

- Institutional Accreditation (Weiss)
- Program Accreditation (Potts)
- CLER Program (Weiss)



Disclosures

No financial conflicts to disclosure



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Institutional Accreditation

[Insert Dr. Weiss' slides]



Program Accreditation



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Outline

Everything in MOU related to accreditation

- Timeline for applications
- Three routes to accreditation
- “Pre-Accreditation Status”
- Dually accredited programs
- Osteopathic Recognition



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Timeline for AOA Program Applications

- Institutions may apply 1 April 2015
- Programs may apply 1 July 2015
- Application window closes 30 June 2020
- AOA ceases accreditation 30 June 2020



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Provisions in MOU

- Applicant programs which, on 1 July 2015,:
 - Are AOA-approved, *and*
 - Have matriculated residents
- Get “Pre-Accreditation Status”
- Get relief from two Common Program Reqs:
 - AOA-certified faculty acceptable to RC
 - May have AOA-certified co-program director



“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Created *for* and to be applied *only* during the transition to ACGME accreditation of currently AOA approved programs
- Extended to include institutions
- Granted upon receipt of completed application
- Does not require RC review
- Status will be publicly acknowledged
- Not synonymous with Initial Accreditation



“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Importance to AOA programs:
 - Individuals who complete programs that have previously achieved “pre-accreditation status” will be subject to 2013 or 2016 eligibility standards, whichever is less restrictive*.

*Not all graduates of programs with “pre-accreditation status” will be eligible for all ACGME programs



Eligibility Requirements

Program and Institutional Accreditation	Data Collection Systems	Meetings and Conferences	Graduate Medical Education
<h2 data-bbox="388 322 1045 415">Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs</h2> <p data-bbox="388 448 1108 576">On February 26, 2014, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced their agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines a single graduate medical education accreditation system for residency and fellowship programs in the United States. Click here for the executive summary of the MOU</p> <p data-bbox="388 615 1108 686">The single accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete their residency and/or fellowship education in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrate achievement of common Milestones and competencies.</p> <p data-bbox="388 725 1108 853">Over the next five years, beginning July 1, 2015, AOA-approved programs and sponsoring institutions will have the opportunity to apply for ACGME accreditation. The ACGME and AOA have created and will continue to create elements of operations and infrastructure to ensure a smooth transition to the single system. Click here for the timeline (Updated December 3, 2014)</p> <p data-bbox="388 892 1108 992">The ACGME will continue to update information on the single accreditation system as new developments unfold, and as questions arise during the systems implementation. Please return to this page periodically for updates and answers to your questions. Thank you for your interest as we work together to implement this important step forward in American graduate medical education.</p> <h3 data-bbox="388 1031 581 1072">Related Links</h3> <ul data-bbox="388 1096 683 1186" style="list-style-type: none">➤ Program Eligibility Requirements➤ ACGME Glossary of Terms➤ Requirements for Review and Comment <h3 data-bbox="388 1225 484 1266">Events</h3>		<h3 data-bbox="1219 339 1315 358">Contact Us</h3> <p data-bbox="1219 375 1476 394">E-mail questions to info@acgme.org</p> <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 429 1541 472">Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs Main Page</h3> <ul data-bbox="1219 494 1503 536" style="list-style-type: none">➤ Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs Main Page <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 572 1547 591">Pathways (Posted December 3, 2014)</h3> <ul data-bbox="1219 615 1541 658" style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pathways to ACGME Accreditation for AOA-Approved Programs <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 696 1315 715">Education</h3> <p data-bbox="1219 729 1553 772">Opportunities for Education about the Transition to the Single Accreditation System</p> <ul data-bbox="1219 793 1309 812" style="list-style-type: none">➤ Education <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 858 1398 876">Application Process</h3> <p data-bbox="1219 891 1553 948">The following guidelines apply to currently-AOA-approved core residency and subspecialty programs that apply for ACGME accreditation.</p> <ul data-bbox="1219 972 1541 1065" style="list-style-type: none">➤ Application Process➤ Timeline (Updated December 3, 2014)➤ Intent to Apply for Institutional Accreditation <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 1110 1464 1129">News and Communications</h3> <ul data-bbox="1219 1150 1437 1169" style="list-style-type: none">➤ News and Communications <hr/> <h3 data-bbox="1219 1215 1271 1233">FAQs</h3> <p data-bbox="1219 1248 1522 1266">These FAQs address common areas of the</p>	



Eligibility Requirements

Contact About ACGME Awards Publications

ACGME Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education











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Program and Institutional Accreditation Data Collection Systems Meetings and Conferences Graduate Medical Education

Graduate Medical Education Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs Eligibility Requirements


Specialty and Subspecialty Program Eligibility Requirements

Below are the eligibility requirements for each specialty/subspecialty that are (1) in effect on June 30, 2013; and (2) in effect as of July 1, 2016. If applicable, any interim requirements in effect between those dates are also provided.


- Allergy and Immunology 
- Anesthesiology
 - Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology 
 - Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine 
 - Clinical Informatics 
 - Hospice and Palliative Medicine 
 - Obstetric Anesthesiology 
 - Pain Medicine 
 - Pediatric Anesthesiology 
- Colon and Rectal Surgery 
- Dermatology
 - Dermatopathology 

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Application Process
Timeline (Updated December 3, 2014) 



Eligibility Requirements

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Common Program Requirements are in BOLD

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Eligibility Requirements in Effect on June 30, 2013	Eligibility Requirements Effective July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	Eligibility Requirements Effective July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	Eligibility Requirements Effective July 1, 2016
<p>III.A. Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Each fellow must successfully complete an ACGME-accredited specialty program and/or meet other eligibility criteria as specified by the Review Committee. The program must document that each fellow has met the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>III.A.1. Applicants must have completed an ACGME or American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-accredited residency program in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, radiation oncology, or surgery.</p>	<p>III.A. Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Each fellow must successfully complete an ACGME-accredited specialty program and/or meet other eligibility criteria as specified by the Review Committee. ^(Core)</p> <p>III.A.1. The program must document that each fellow has met the eligibility criteria. ^(Detail)</p> <p>III.A.2. Applicants must have completed an ACGME or American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-accredited residency program in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, radiation oncology, or surgery. ^(Core)</p>	<p>III.A. Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Each fellow must successfully complete an ACGME-accredited specialty program and/or meet other eligibility criteria as specified by the Review Committee. ^(Core)</p> <p>III.A.1. The program must document that each fellow has met the eligibility criteria. ^(Detail)</p> <p>III.A.2. Prior to appointment in the program, fellows must have completed an ACGME- or American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-accredited program in child neurology, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or neurology; or at least three clinical years in an ACGME- or AOA-accredited graduate educational program in one of the following specialties: anesthesiology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, radiation oncology, radiology, or surgery. ^(Core)</p>	<p>III.A. Eligibility Requirements – Fellowship Programs</p> <p>All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in an ACGME-accredited residency program, or in an RCPSC-accredited or CFPC-accredited residency program located in Canada. ^(Core)</p> <p>Prior to appointment in the program, fellows must have completed an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited program in child neurology, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or neurology; or at least three clinical years in an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited graduate educational program in one of the following specialties: anesthesiology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, radiation oncology, radiology, or surgery. ^(Core)</p> <p>III.A.1. Fellowship programs must receive verification of each entering fellow's level of competency in the required field using ACGME or CanMEDS Milestones assessments from the core residency program. ^(Core)</p>



“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Importance to ACGME:
 - Programs will be in data system
 - ADS annual update
 - Case logs
 - Resident survey
 - Faculty survey
 - Milestones



“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Remains in effect until:
 1. Program achieves Initial Accreditation, *or*
 2. Program withdraws application, *or*
 3. 30 June 2020

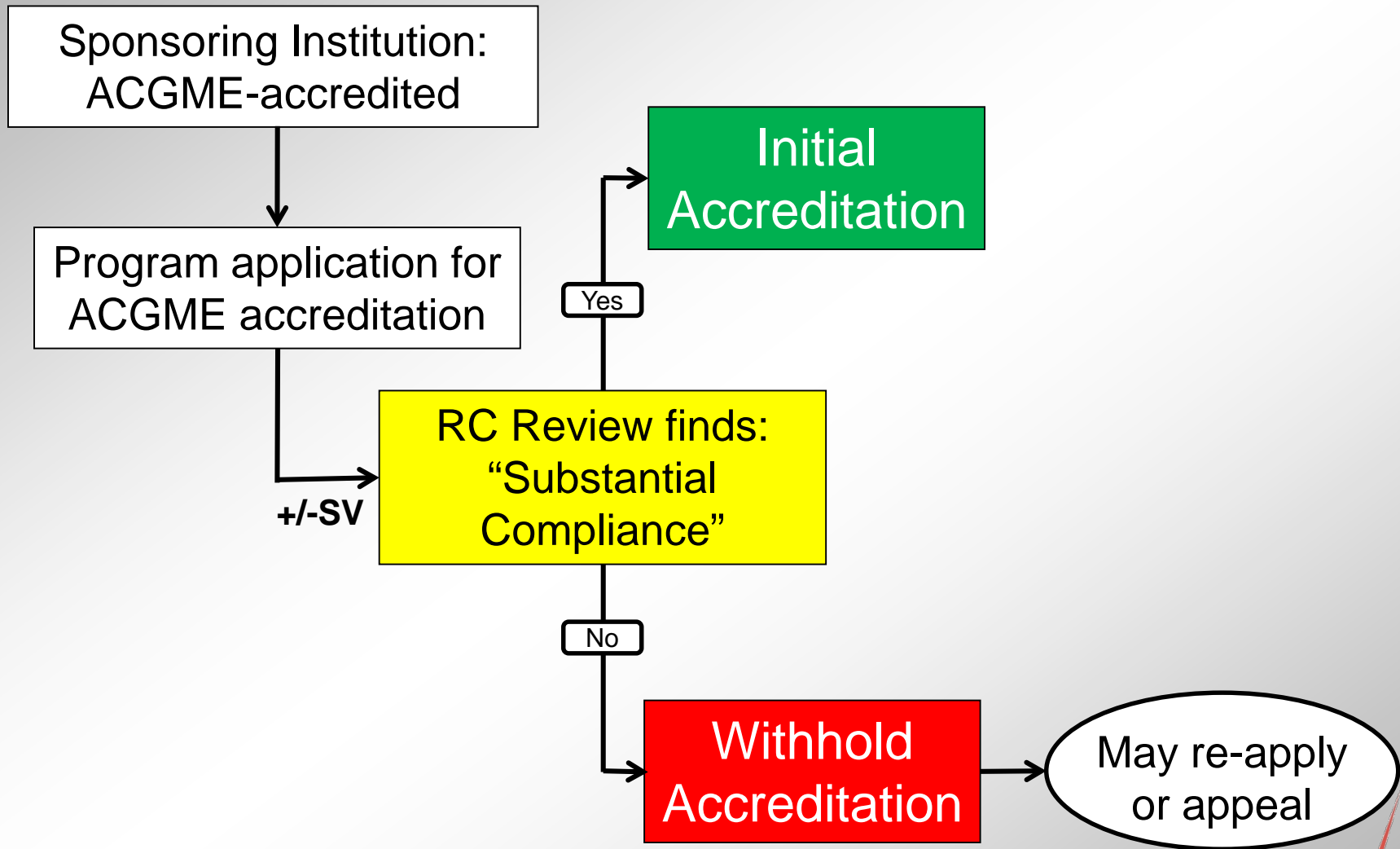


Provisions in MOU

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 - But do not have matriculated residents
- Get “Pre-Accreditation Status”
- Do *not* get relief from Common Program Reqs

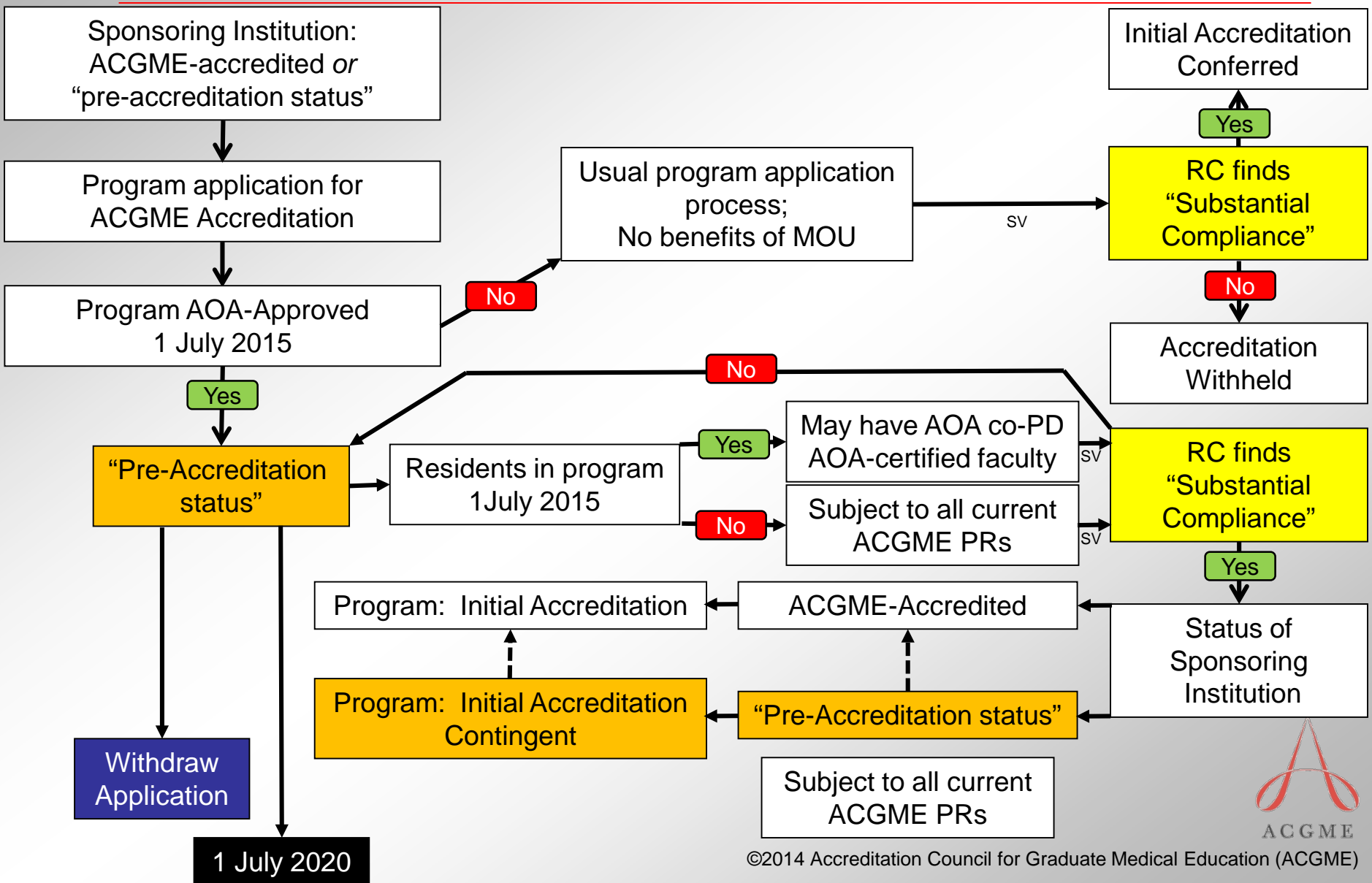


Actions on *Usual* Applications



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Actions on AOA Applications



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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
“pre-accreditation status”



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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
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Program application for
ACGME Accreditation



Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
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Program application for
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Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?



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Program application for
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Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes



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Program application for
ACGME Accreditation



Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes



“Pre-Accreditation
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Program application for
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Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes



“Pre-Accreditation
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Residents in program
1 July 2015?



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Residents in program
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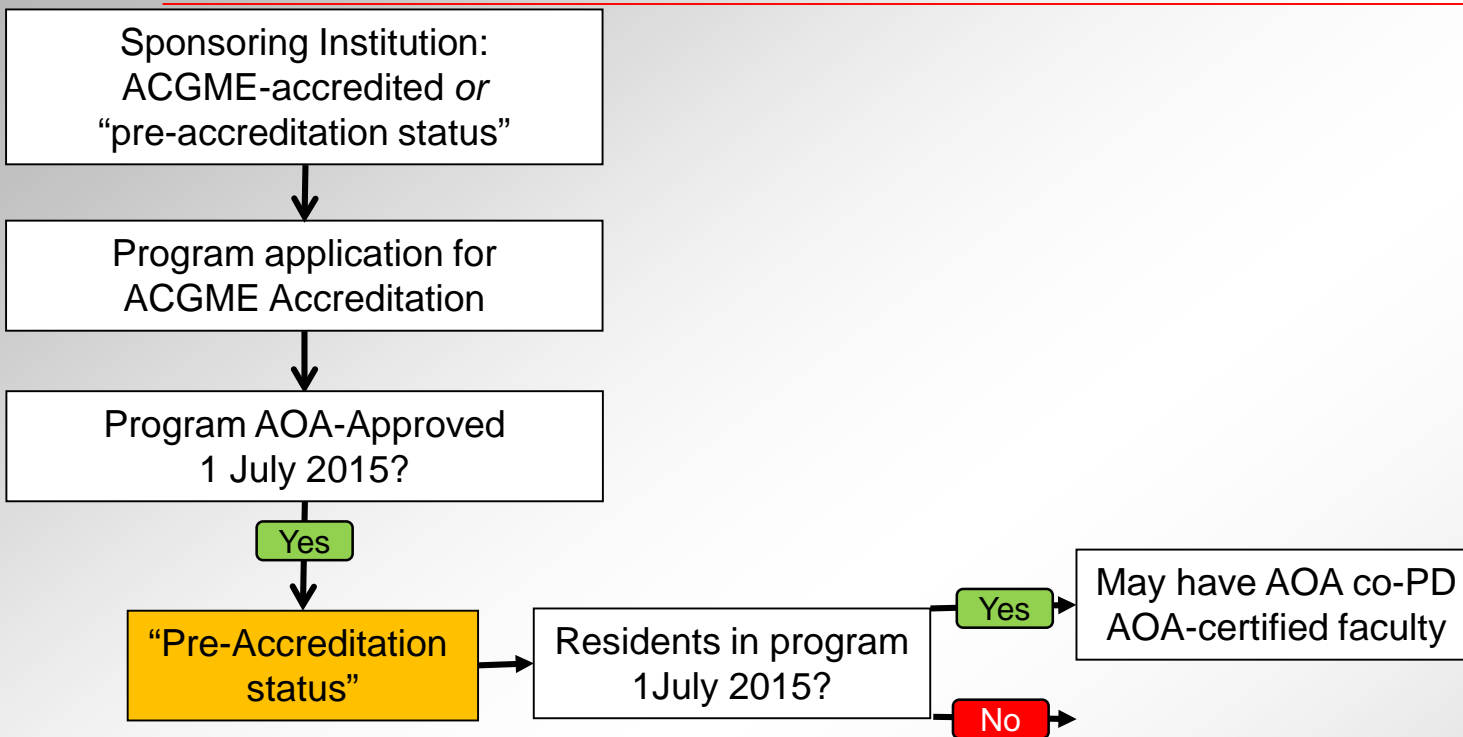
Residents in program
1 July 2015?

Yes

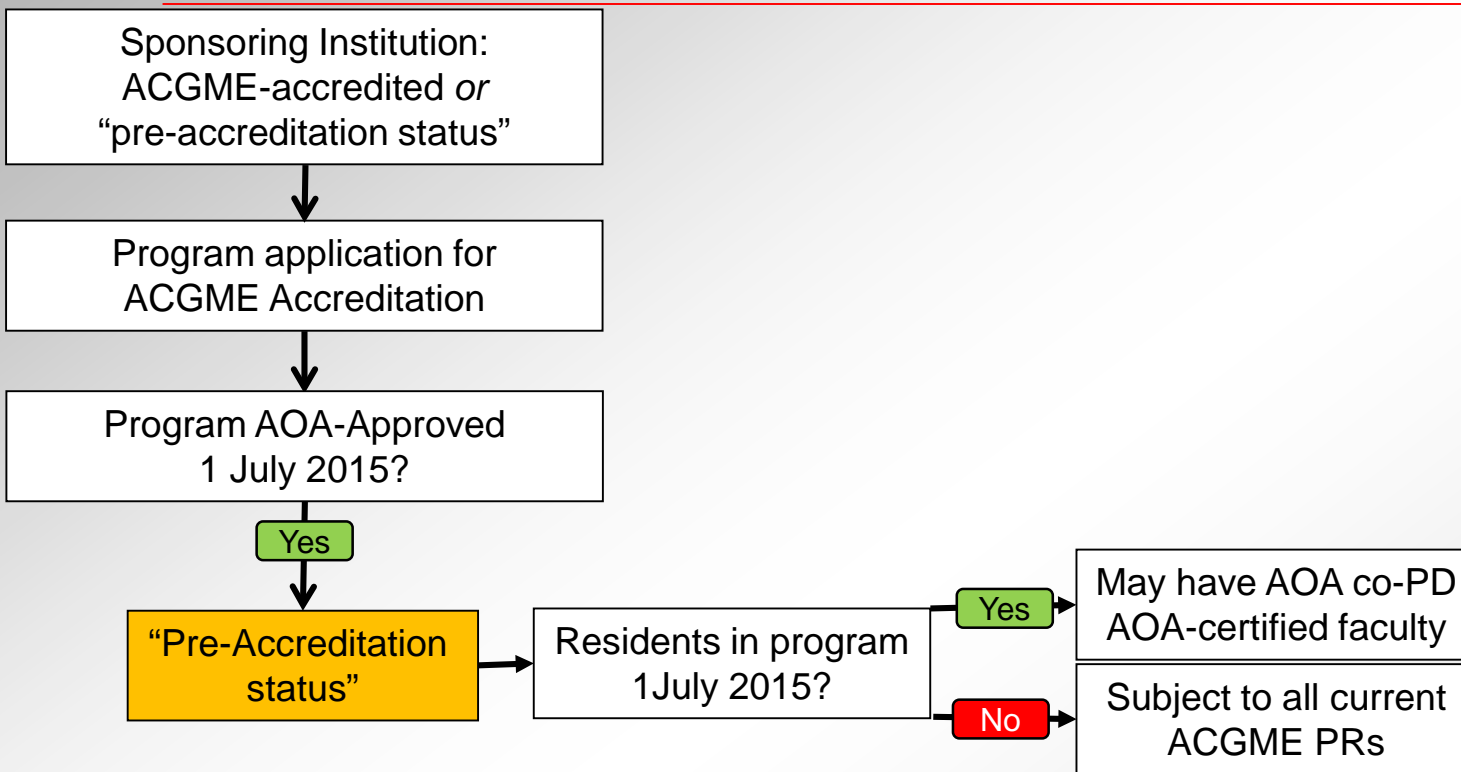
May have AOA co-PD
AOA-certified faculty



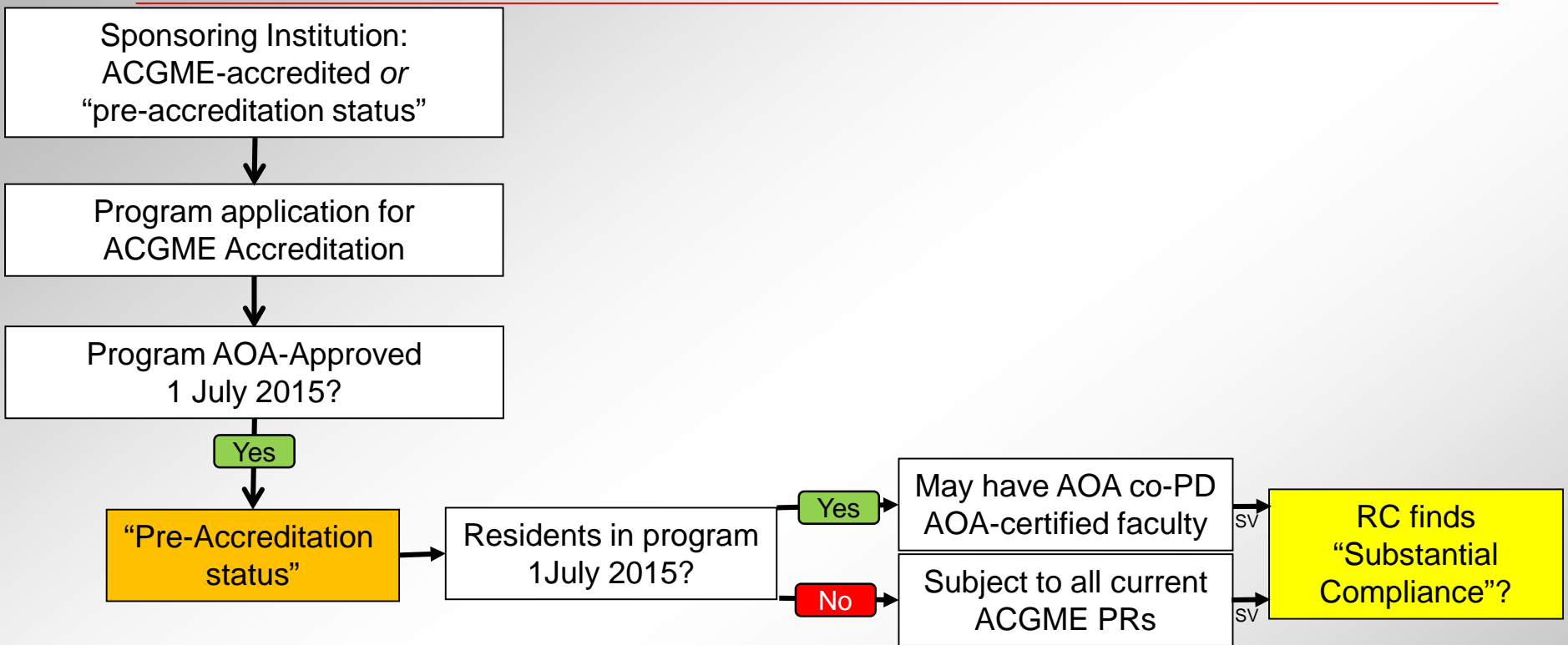
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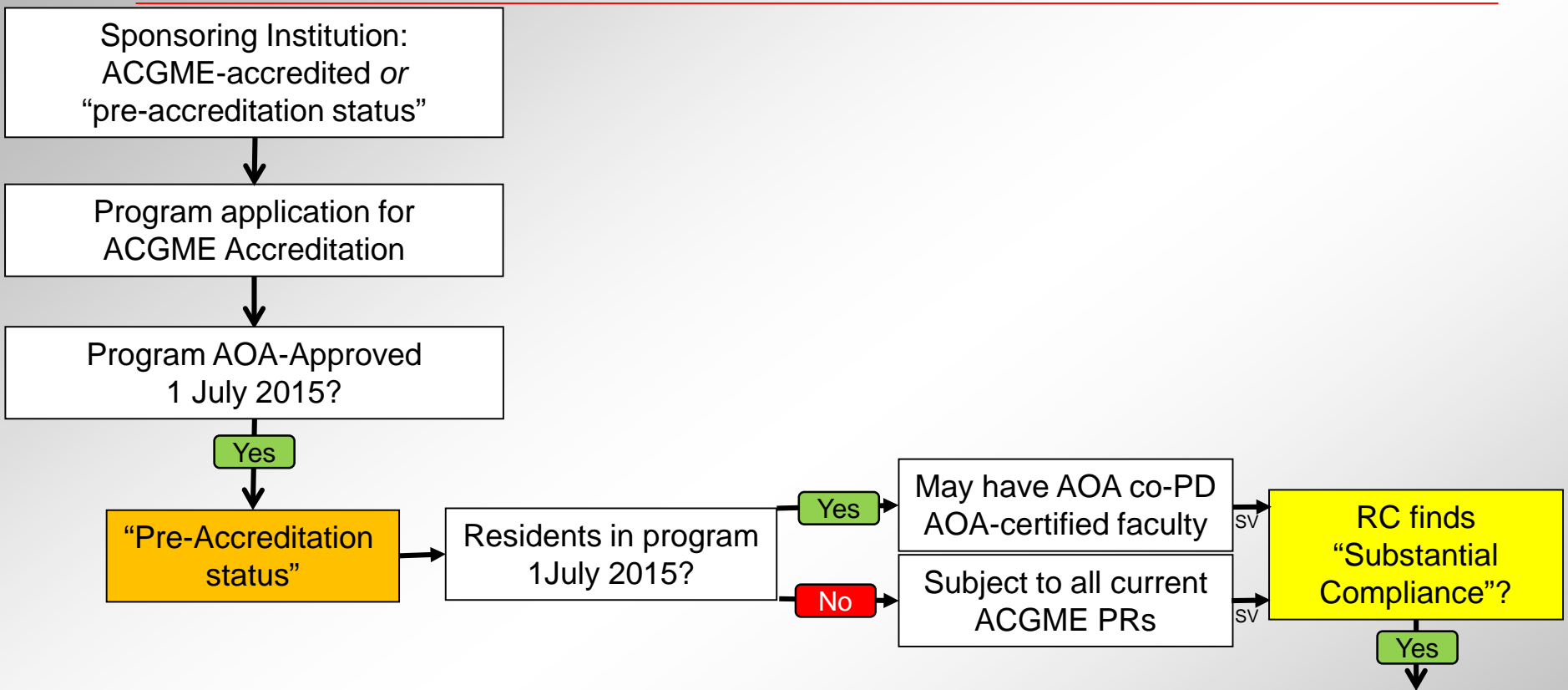
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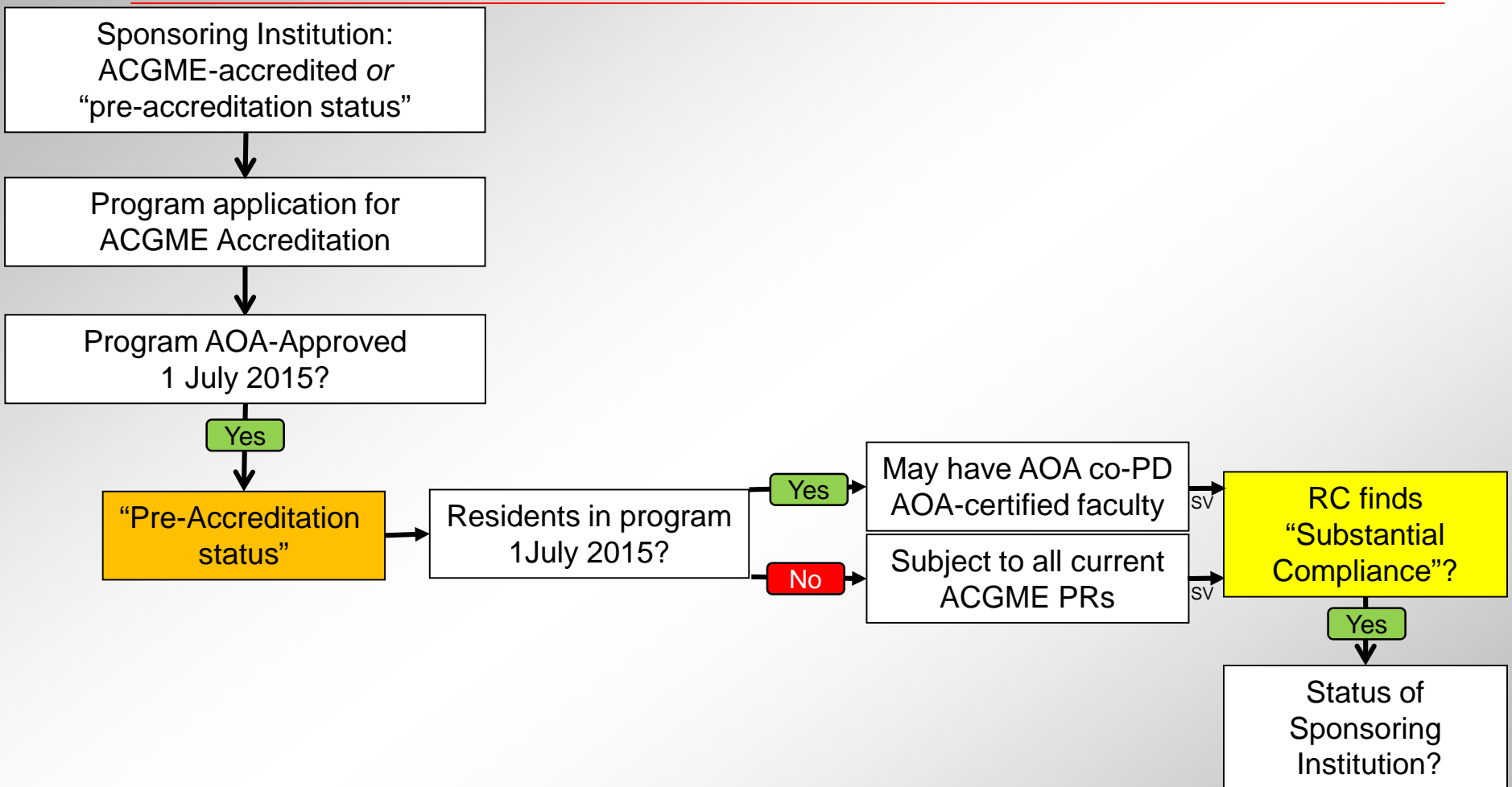
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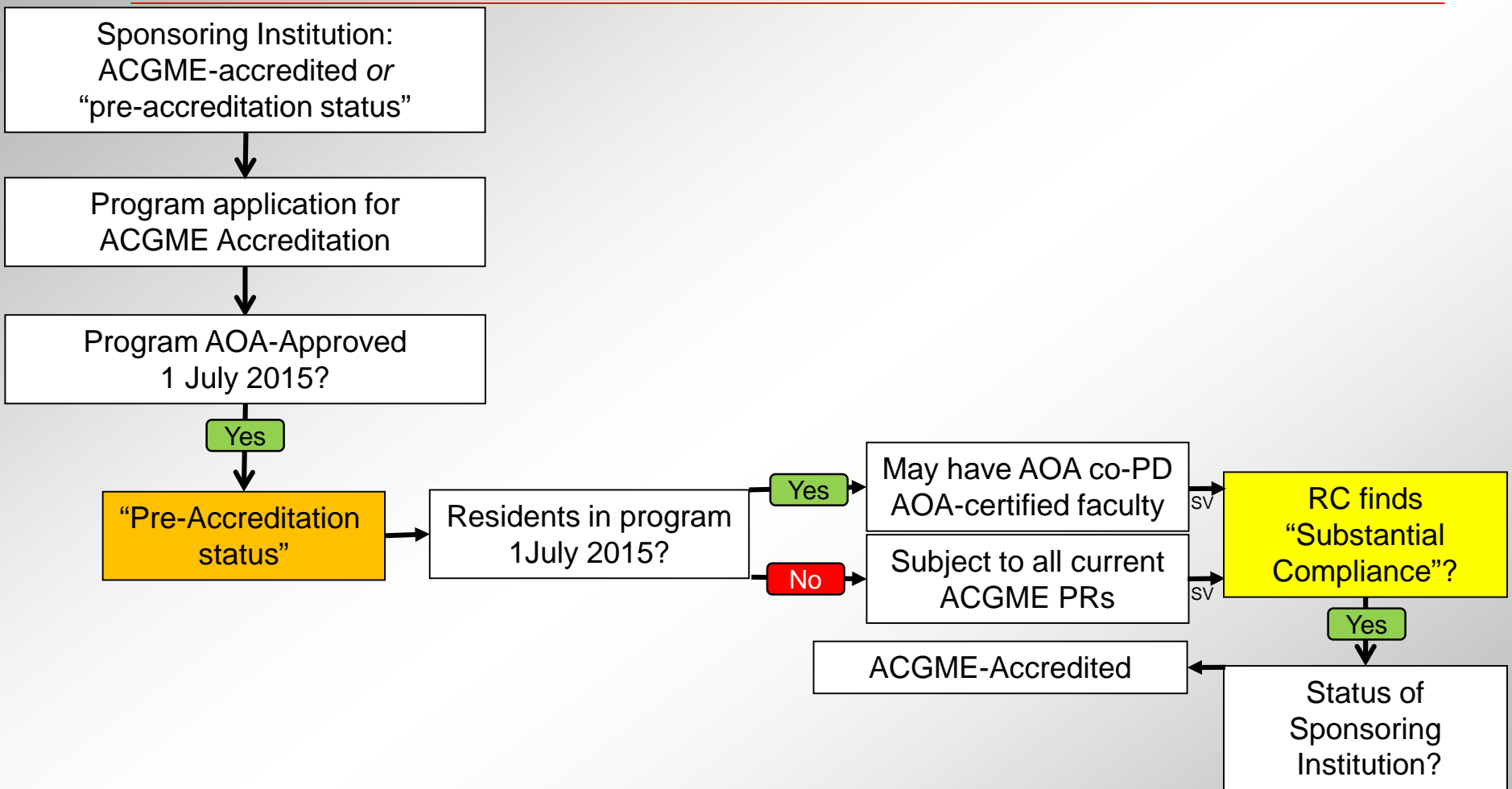
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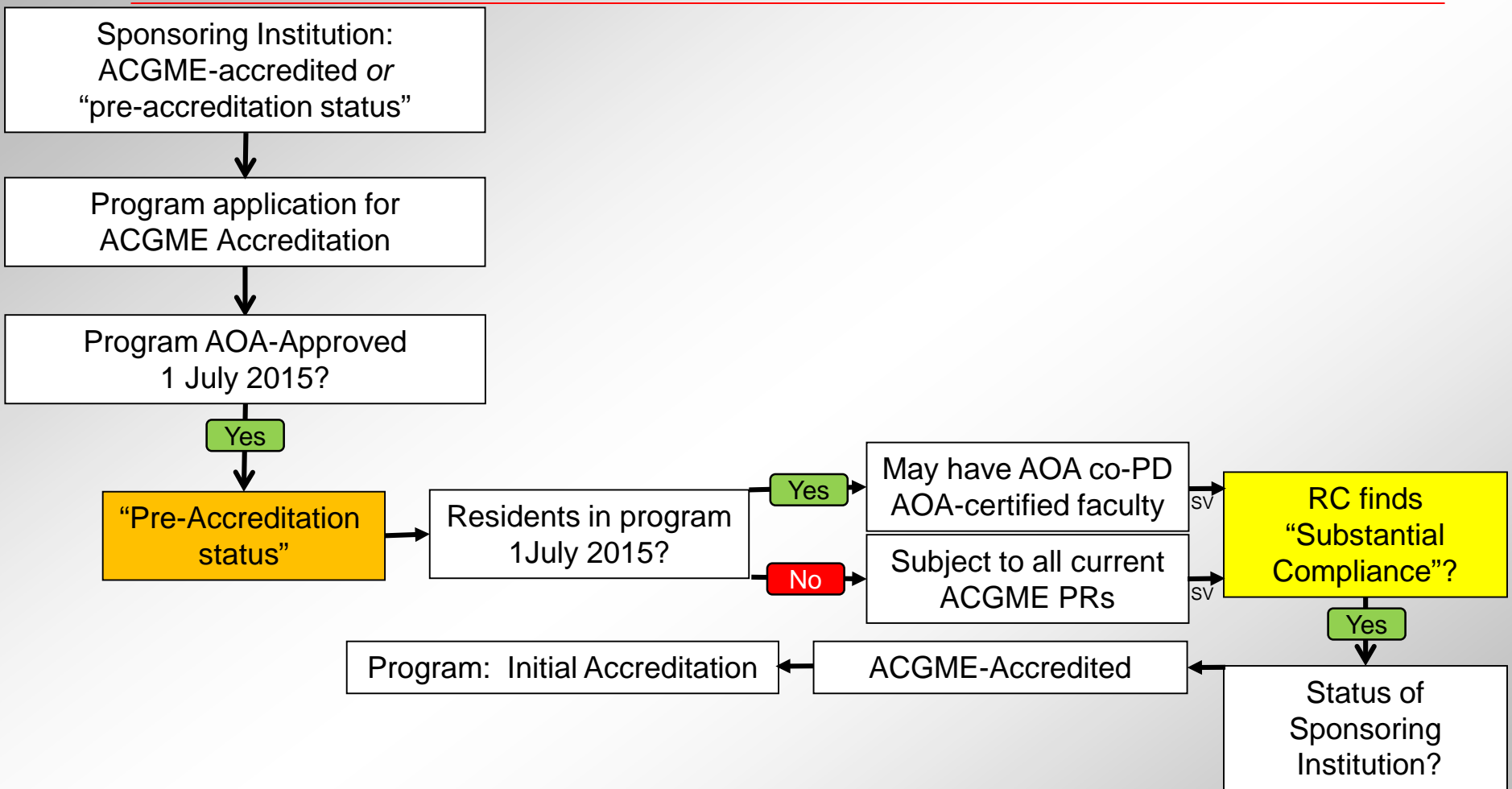
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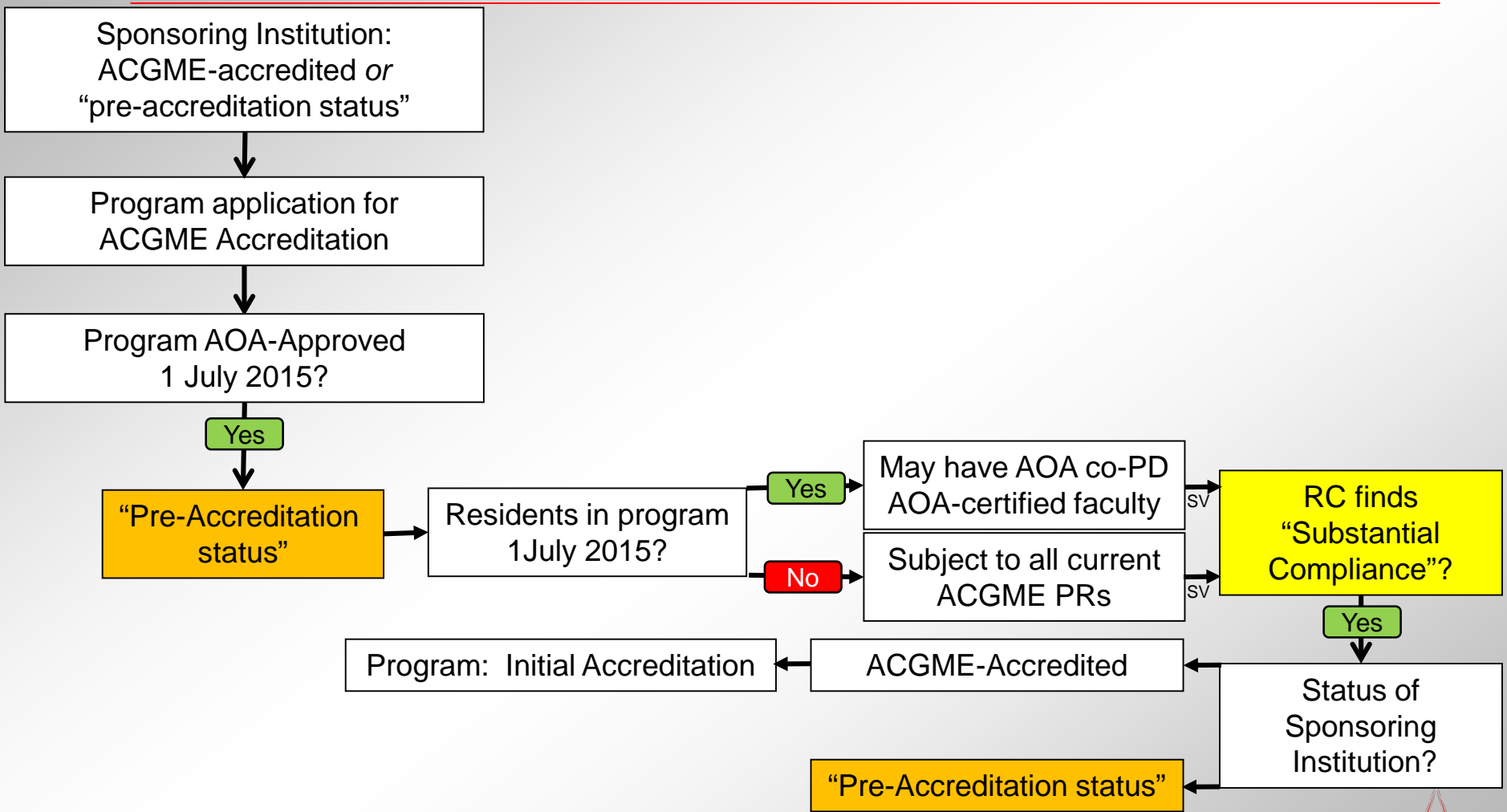
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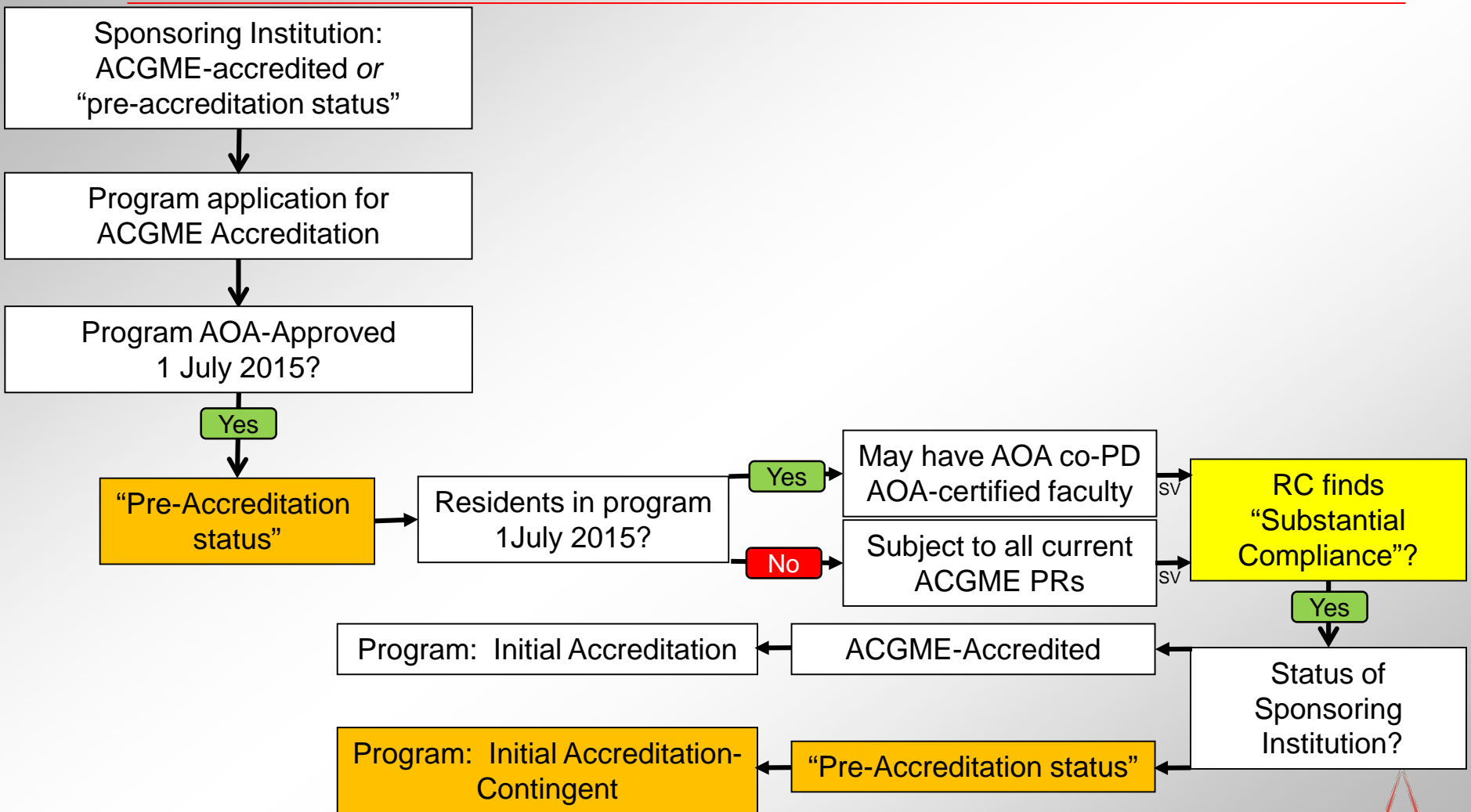
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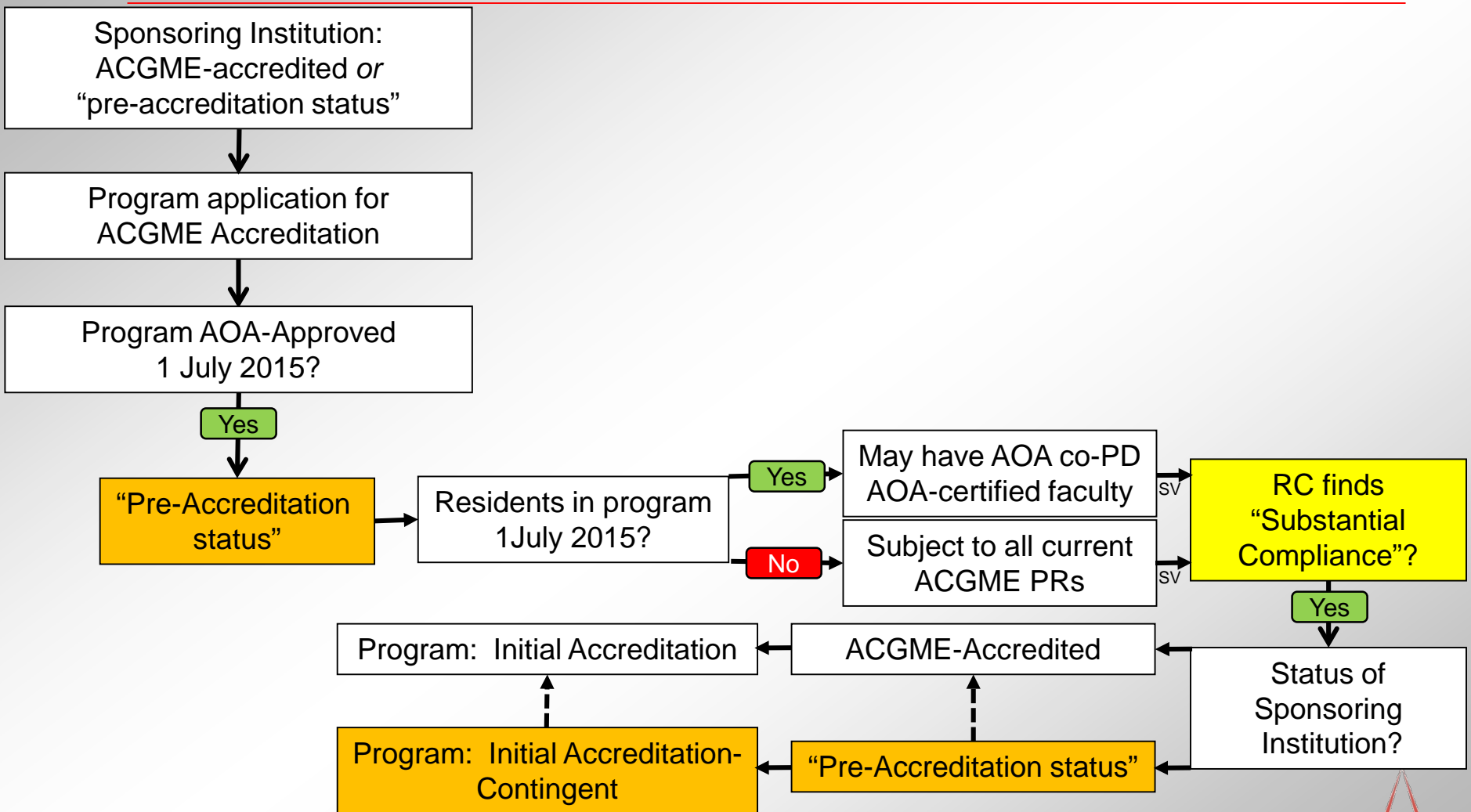
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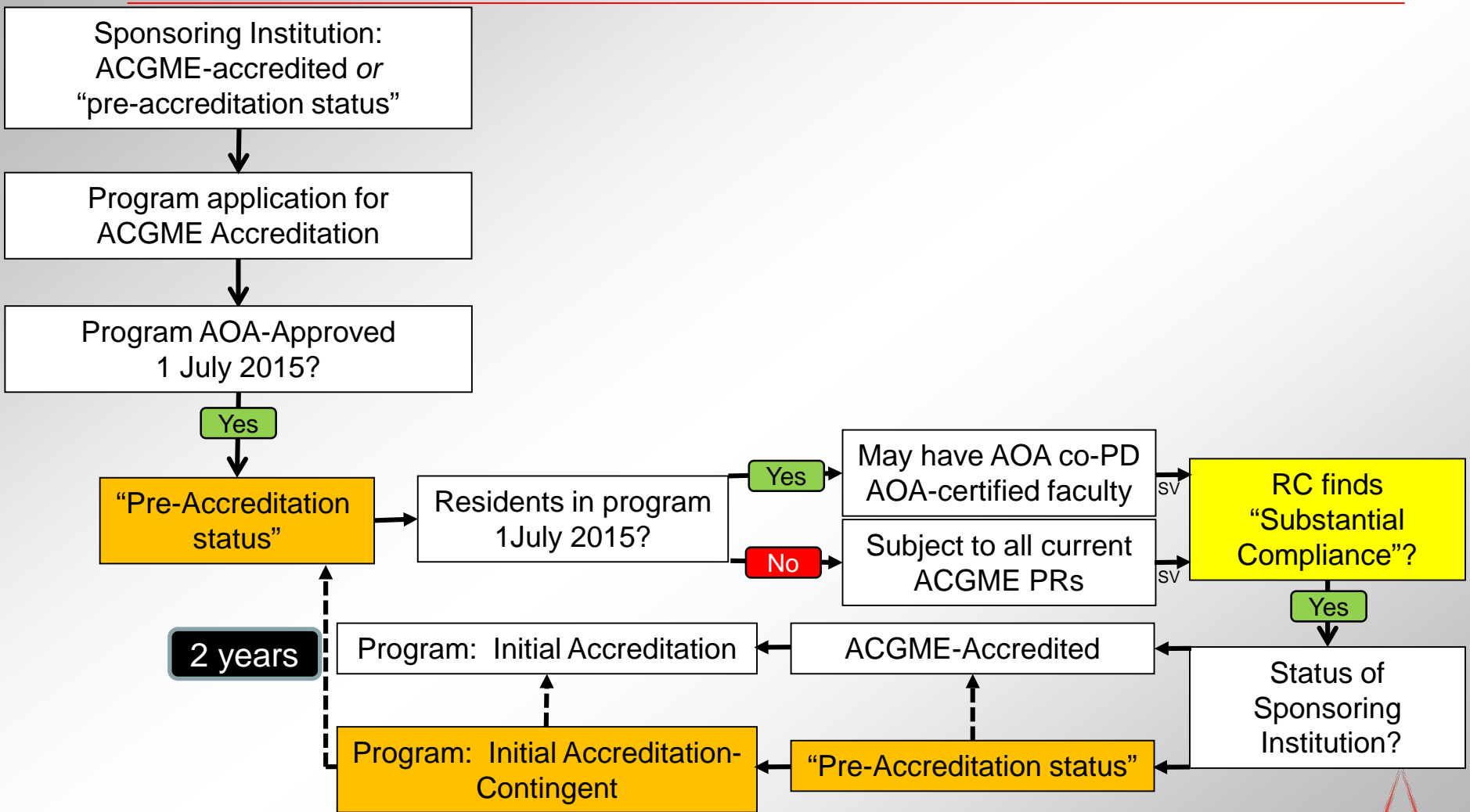
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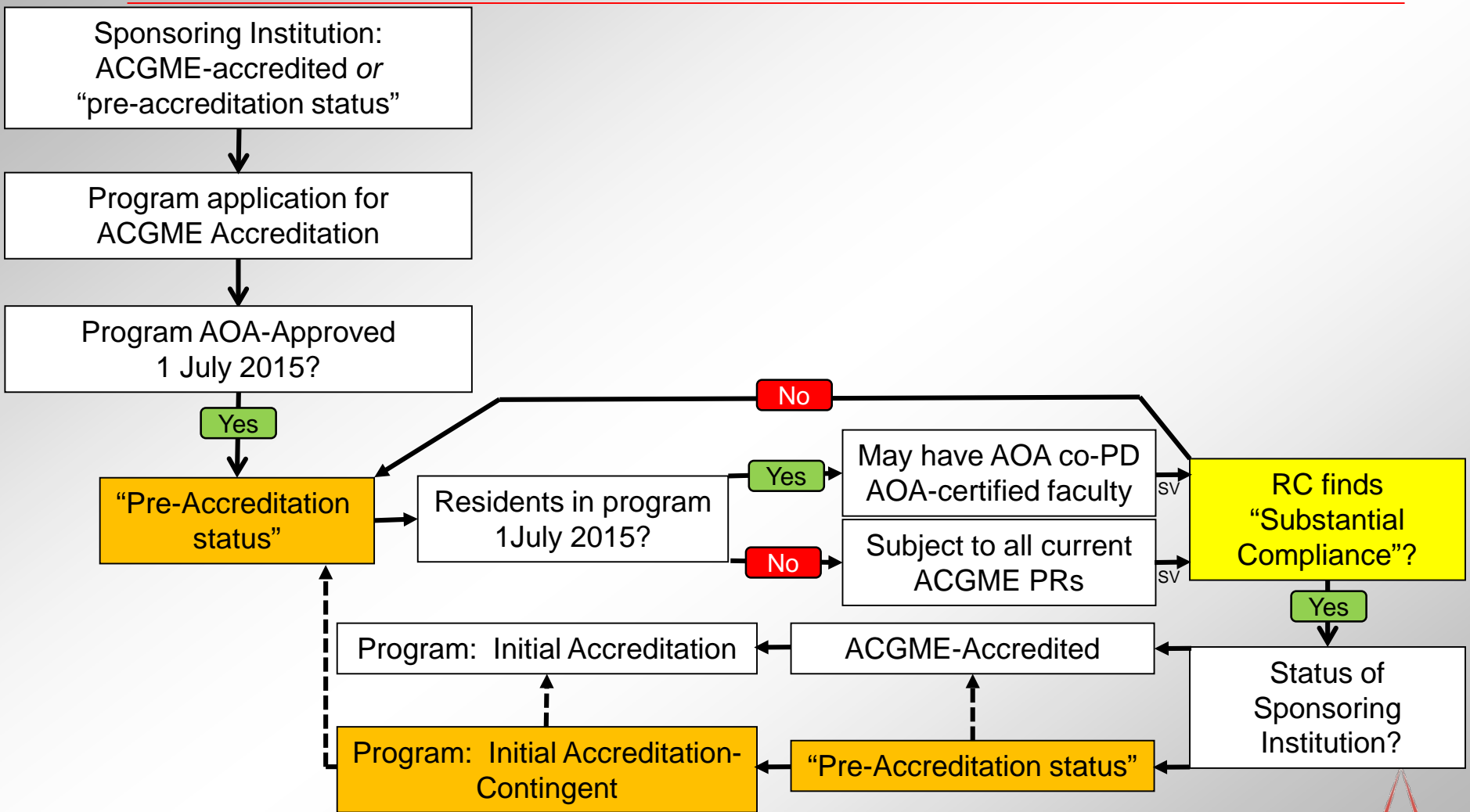
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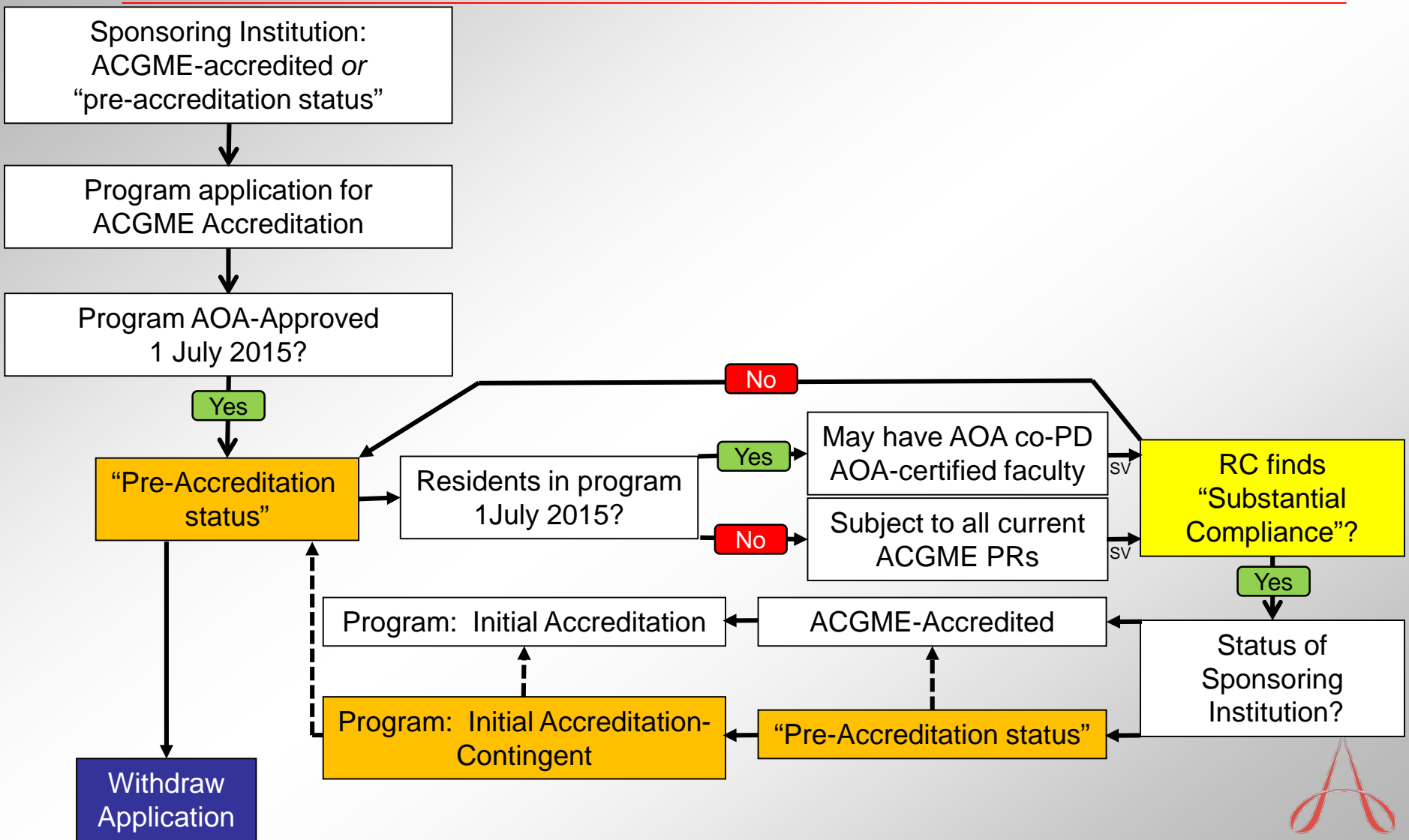
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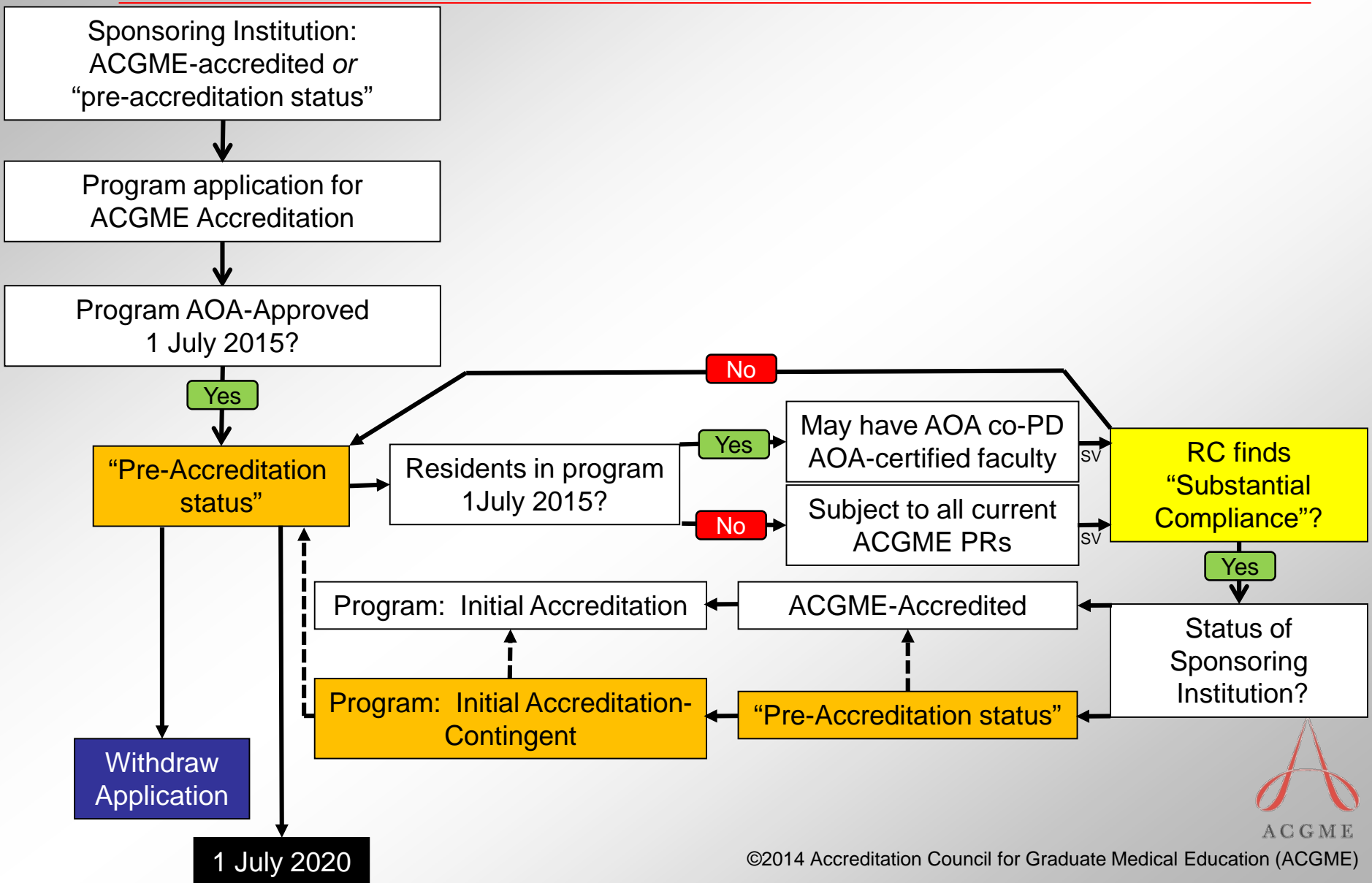
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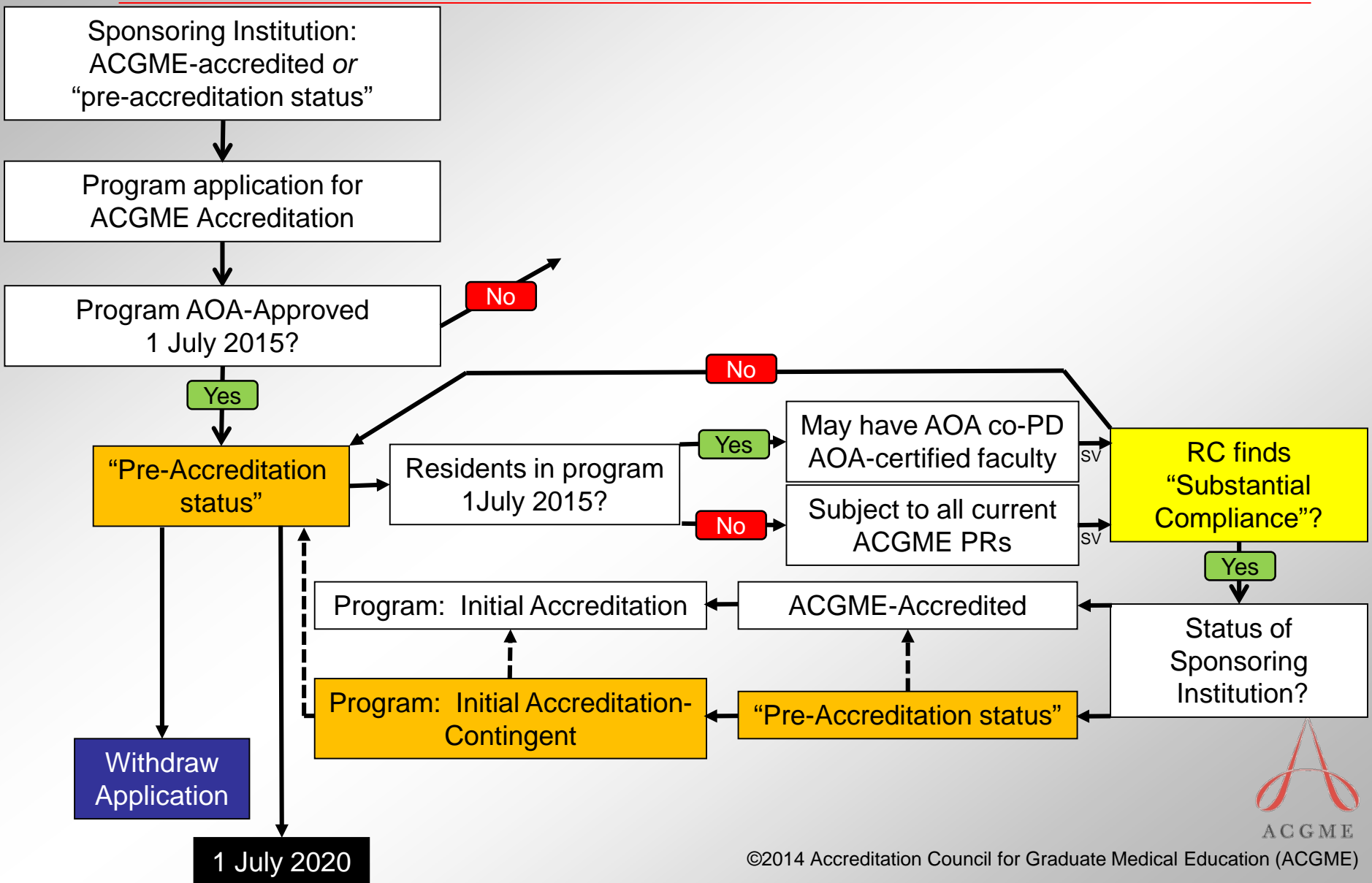
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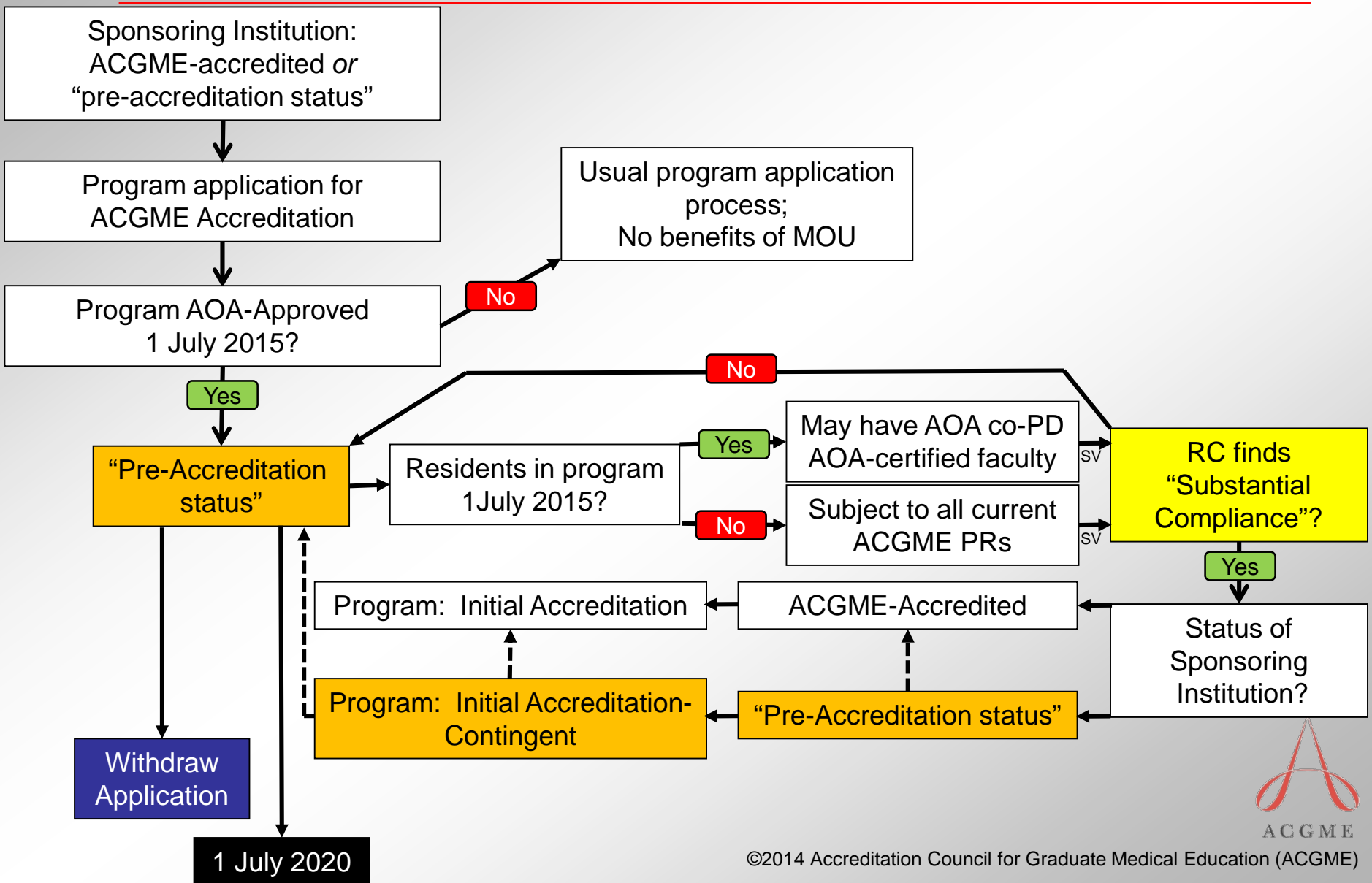
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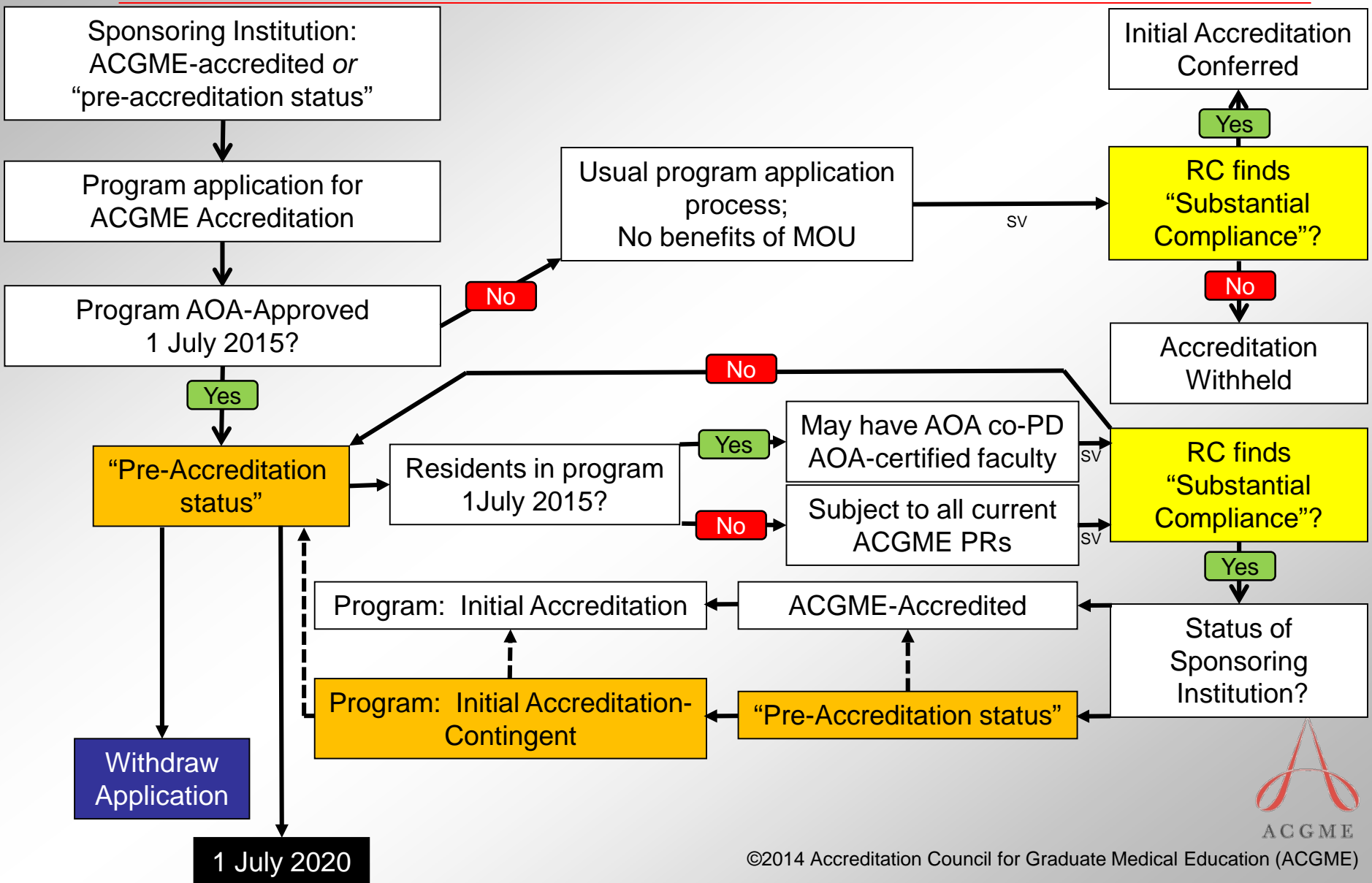
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Time to RC Review

- “Pre-Accreditation Status” acknowledged in days
- RC review of application will take ~ 4–9 months
 - Application received
 - Site visit scheduled
 - Application & site visit report to RC members
 - Next scheduled RC meeting
 - Notification from Executive Director of RC decision



Time to RC Review

- Example: Family Medicine program
 - Application made 1 July 2015
 - “Pre-Accreditation Status” conferred 3 July 2015
 - Request for site visit sent to DFA 3 July 2015
 - SV scheduled (and occurs!) 10 September 2015
 - Program reviewed at next RC meeting Oct 2015
 - ED notifies program of RC decision Nov 2015
 - Application to notification ~ 4 months



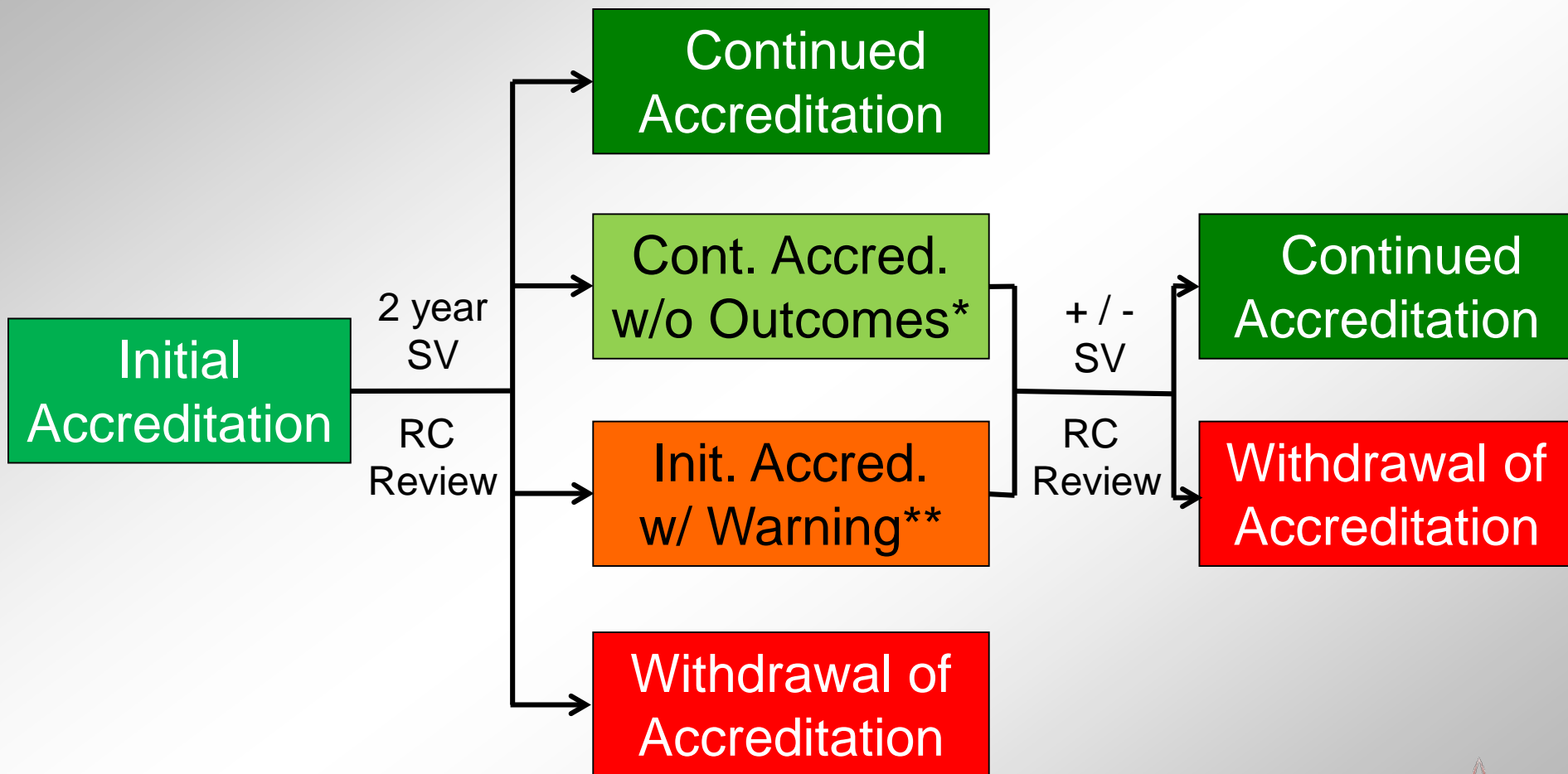
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Time to RC Review

- Example: Urology program
 - Application made 1 July 2015
 - “Pre-Accreditation Status” conferred 3 July 2015
 - Request for site visit sent to DFA 3 July 2015
 - SV scheduled (and occurs!) 10 September 2015
 - Program reviewed at next RC meeting Mar 2016
 - ED notifies program of RC decision April 2016
 - Application to notification ~ 9 months



After Initial Accreditation



* Can last length of program + 1 yr

** Site visit in one year

Dually-Accredited Programs

- Term is not in ACGME Glossary
- Refers to programs that are accredited by *both* the ACGME and the AOA
- Dually-accredited programs do not need to do anything by way of application in the SAS.
- They *may* need to ask RC for complement increase if residents in the AOA program are *not* currently counted in ACGME complement.



Subspecialty Programs

- Subspecialty programs are considered dependent
- *Must* be associated with core residency in same SI
- Sub *can* apply after core has Pre-Accreditation
- Sub cannot be accredited until core is accredited



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Parallel-Accredited Programs

- Term is not in ACGME Glossary
- Refers to two programs in the same specialty / subspecialty and in the same institution with one accredited by ACGME and one accredited by AOA *but* with no overlap between the two.
- *May* remain separately accredited through application of AOA-approved program but...
- Expect in most instances programs will merge



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Osteopathic Recognition

- Any ACGME-accredited program may seek Osteopathic Recognition (after 1 July 2015)
- Requirements for Osteopathic Recognition to be approved by BOD February 2015
- Osteopathic Recognition will be conferred by new Osteopathic Principles Committee
- Osteopathic recognition separate from accreditation of specialty program
- Program must be accredited to gain Recognition



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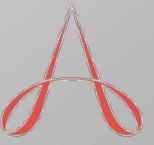


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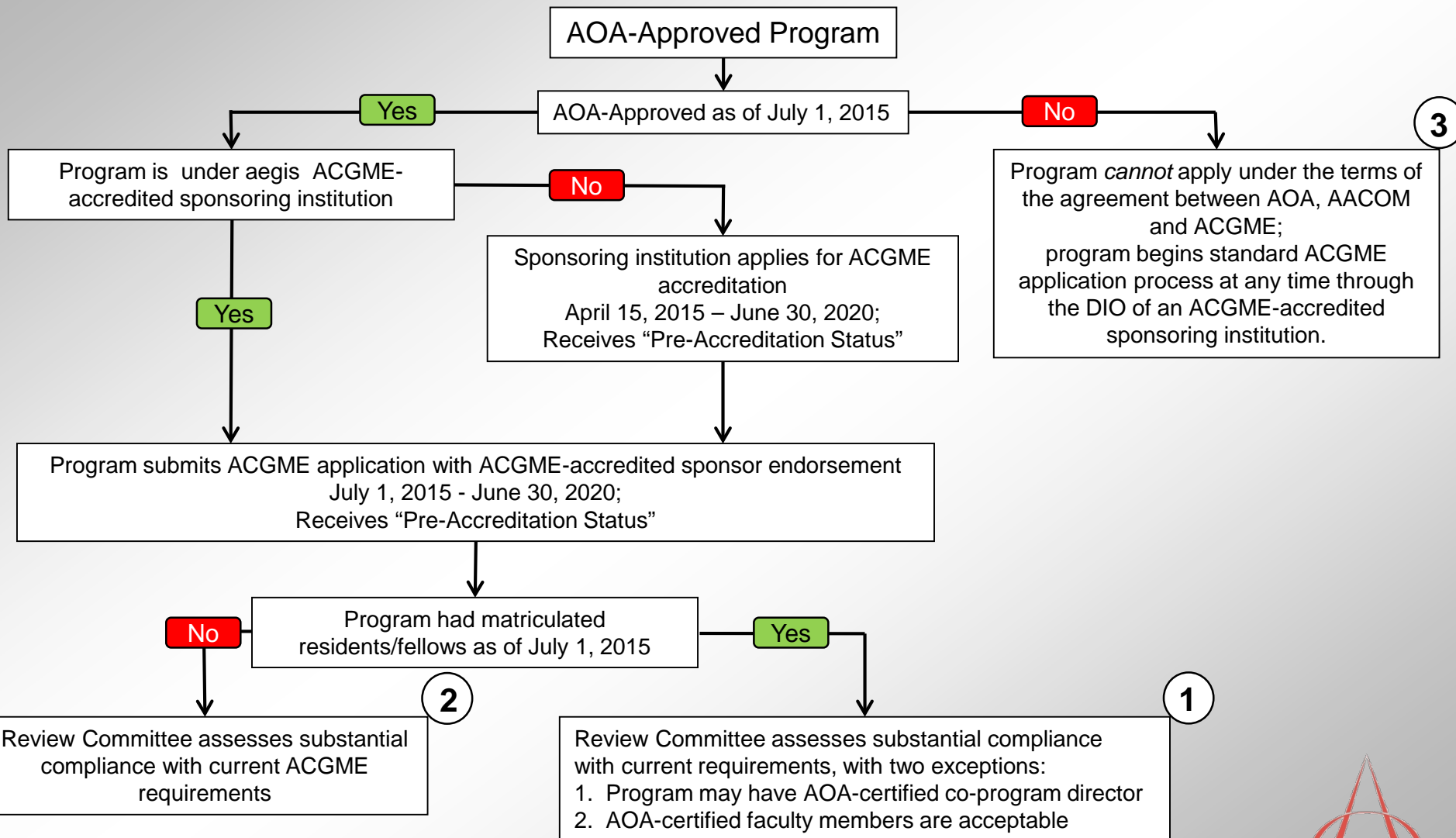


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Accreditation of AOA Programs



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Accreditation of AOA Programs

		Program AOA- Approved as of July 1, 2015	
		Yes	No
Program has matriculated residents as of July 1, 2015	Yes	1	3
	No	2	3



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Timeline for Accreditation

- 1 July 2015 programs may apply
- Eligible programs:
 - AOA approved as of 1 July 2015 and
 - Have matriculated residents/fellows
- Window for application closes 30 June 2020
- AOA ceases accreditation \leq 30 June 2020



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Timeline for Accreditation

- To apply, programs must be associated with ACGME-accredited sponsoring institution or institution with “pre-accreditation status”
- Window for institutional accreditation open
1 April 2015 - 30 June 2020



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Actions on AOA Applications

