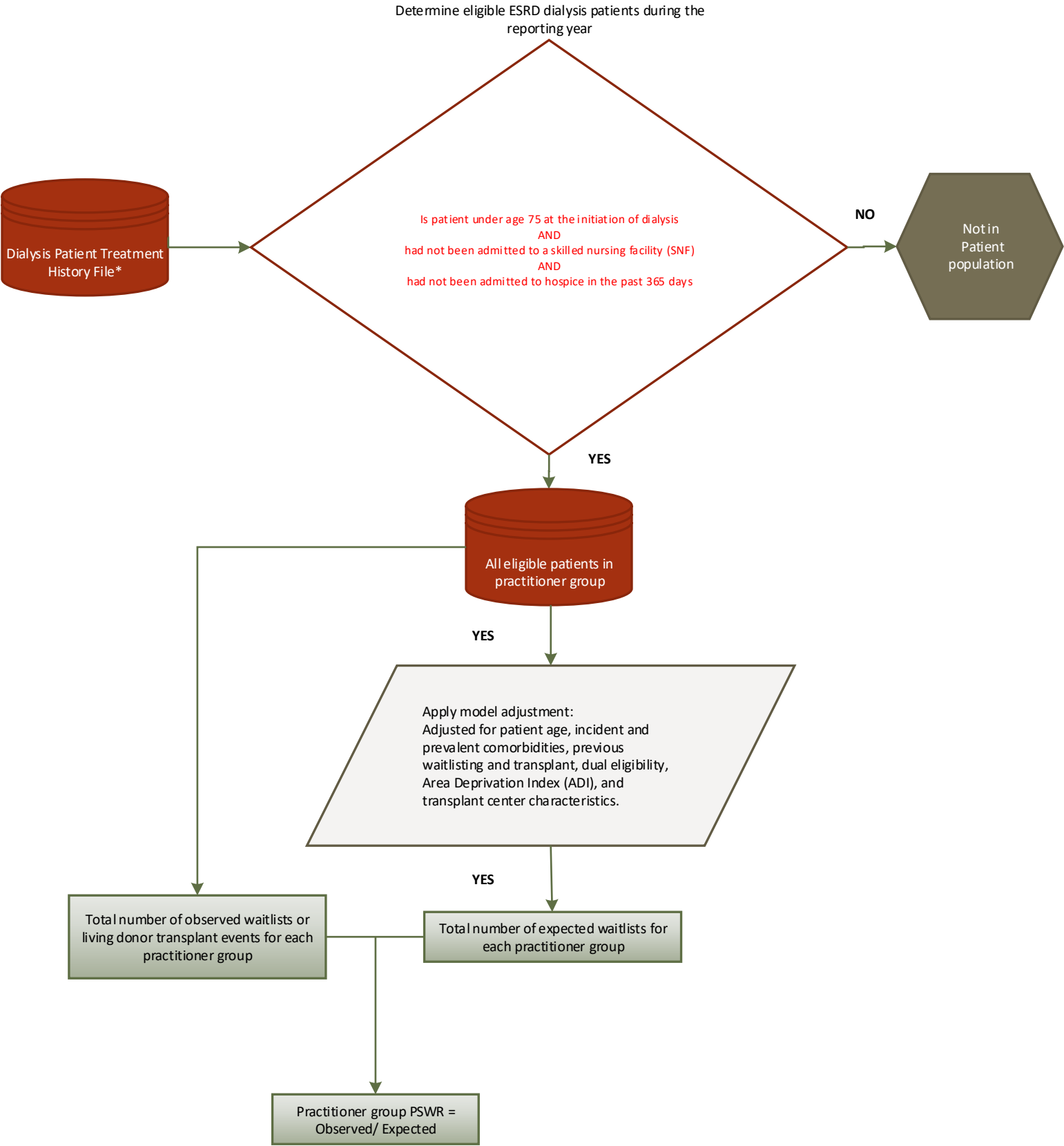


Prevalent Standardized Waitlist Ratio (PSWR)



* Monthly Capitation Payment (MCP) HCPCS codes are used to assign a patient month to a dialysis practitioner group. HCPCS codes included are the following: 90951, 90952, 90953, 90954, 90955, 90956, 90957, 90958, 90959, 90960, 90961, 90962, 90963, 90964, 90965, 90966. Information regarding first ESRD service date, waitlist status and transplant is obtained from EQRS (formerly CROWNWeb) (including the CMS Medical Evidence Form (Form CMS-2728) and the Death Notification Form (CMS-2746)) and Medicare claims, as well as the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) and the Social Security Death Master File. For denominator exclusions, the Nursing Home Minimum Dataset and the Questions 17u and 22 on CMS Medical Evidence Form are used to identify patients in skilled nursing facilities. Additionally, a separate CMS file that contains final action claims submitted by Hospice providers was used to determine the hospice status. Dementia exclusion was determined using inpatient and outpatient claims.