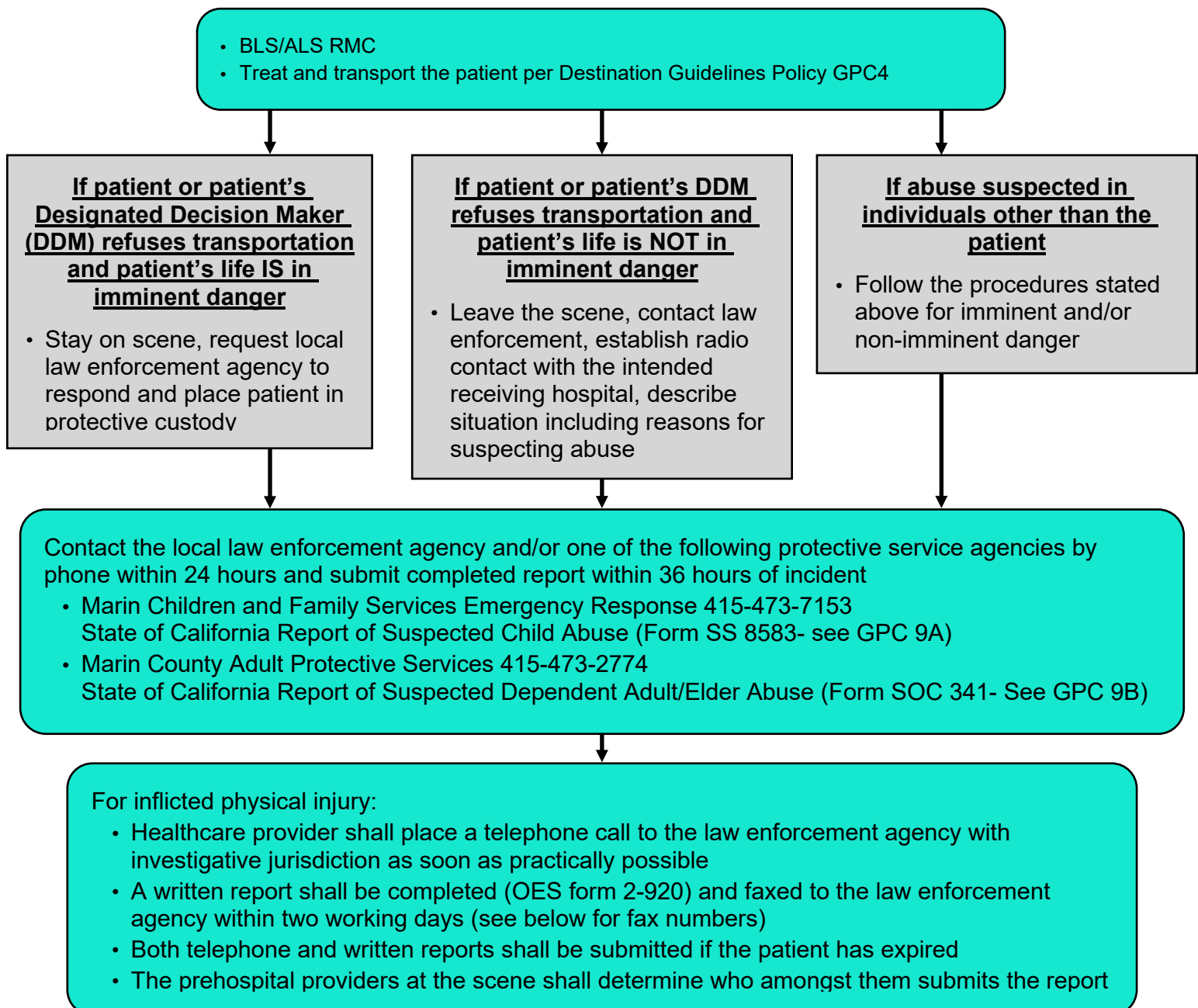


# SUSPECTED ABUSE/NEGLECT/INFLICTED PHYSICAL INJURY

## Indications

- Identification and guidelines for reporting and treating suspected child abuse (persons <18 years), dependent adults between the ages of 18 and 64 years (those with physical or mental limitations restricting their ability to carry out normal activities), domestic abuse (intimate partner violence, includes dating relationships), and elder adults (≥65 years)
- Abuse is defined as harmful, wrongful, neglectful or improper treatment which may result in physical or mental injury
- Physical injury includes any injury that is self-inflicted or inflicted by another person or any assaultive or abusive contact



**Critical Information****Common findings in victims of child abuse are as follows:**

- Suspicious fractures in children <3yrs
- Multiple fractures
- Unexplained bruising
- Starvation/dehydration

**Common findings in parents/guardians of abused child/elder/domestic partners/dependent adults are as follows:**

- Contradictory stories regarding patient's injury
- Evasive answers to questions
- Anger directed towards or little concern for the patient
- Drug use
- Inability to locate parent/guardian

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