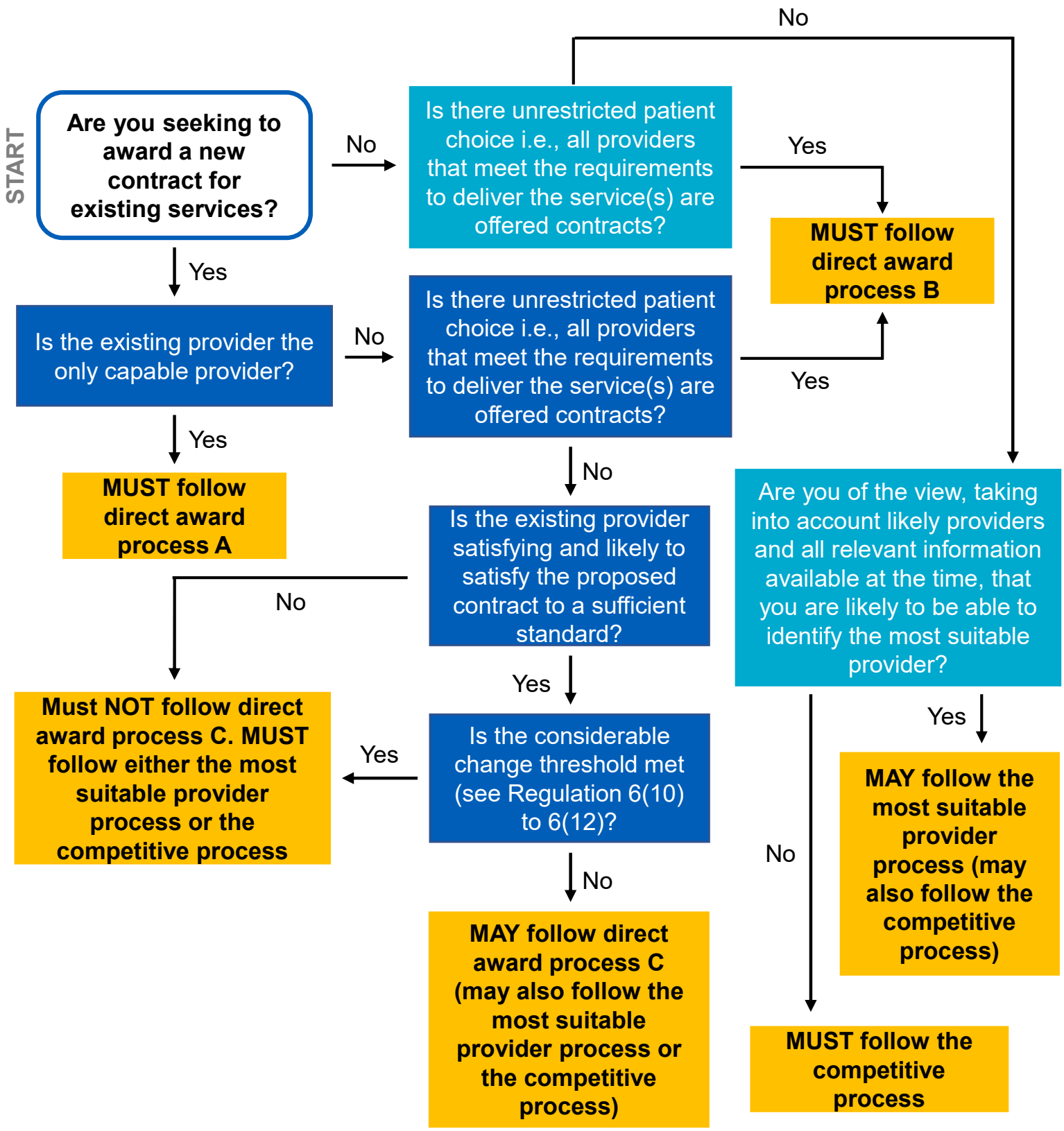
START
Are you seeking to award a new contract for existing services?
No
Yes
Is the existing provider the only capable provider?
No
Yes
MUST follow direct award process A
Is there unrestricted patient choice i.e., all providers that meet the requirements to deliver the service(s) are offered contracts?
No
Yes
MUST follow direct award process B
Is there unrestricted patient choice i.e., all providers that meet the requirements to deliver the service(s) are offered contracts?
Yes
No
Is the existing provider satisfying and likely to satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard?
No
Yes
Is the considerable change threshold met (see Regulation 6(10) to 6(12)?
Yes
Must NOT follow direct award process C. MUST follow either the most suitable provider process or the competitive process
No
MAY follow direct award process C (may also follow the most suitable provider process or the competitive process)
Are you of the view, taking into account likely providers and all relevant information available at the time, that you are likely to be able to identify the most suitable provider?
Yes
MAY follow the most suitable provider process (may also follow the competitive process)
No
MUST follow the competitive process