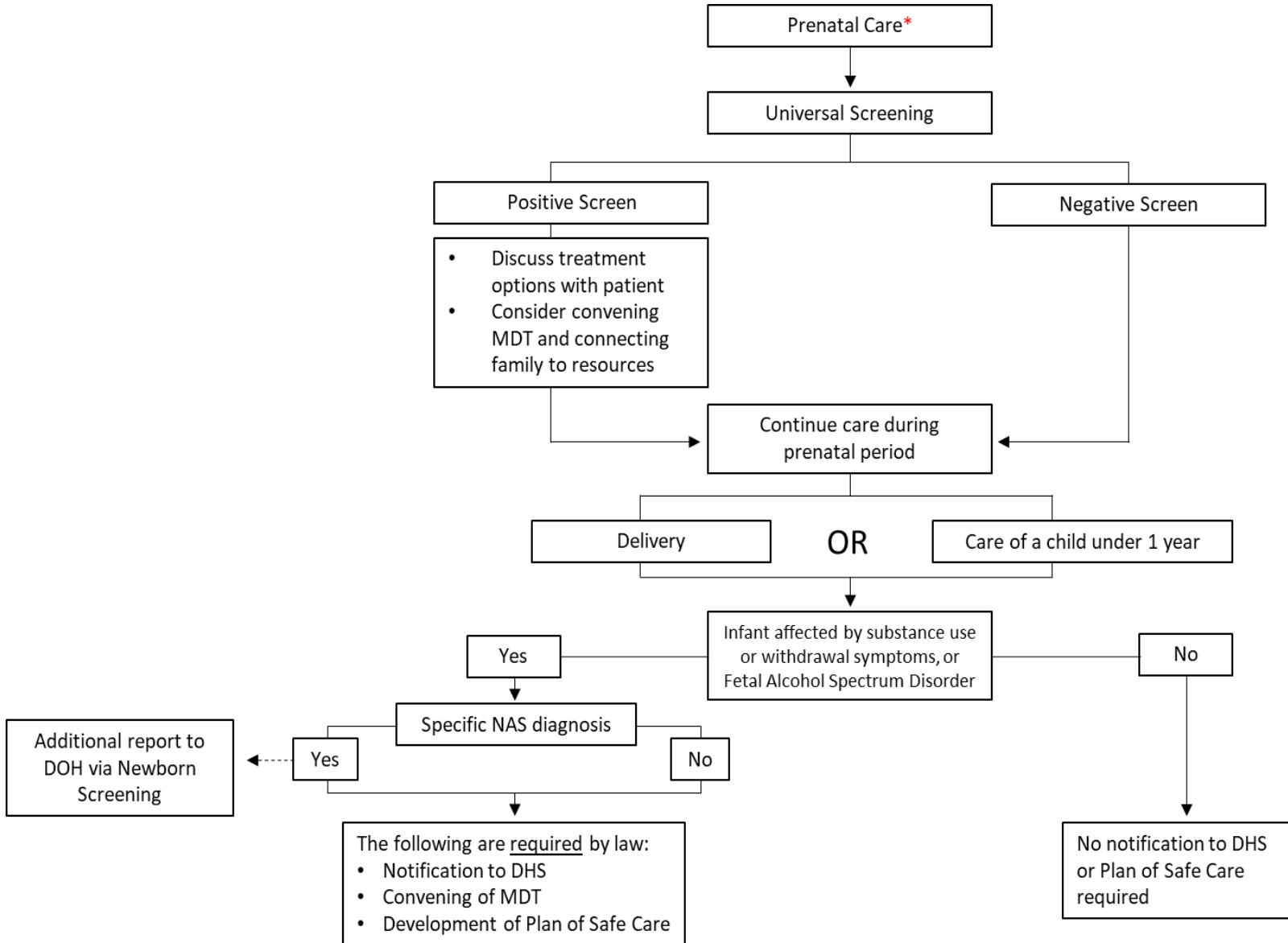


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Definitions and resources

- **Affected by:** Infant with detectable physical, developmental, cognitive, or emotional delay or harm that is associated with maternal substance use or withdrawal, as assessed by a health care provider.
- **MDT:** local multidisciplinary teams that will identify, assess and develop a Plan of Safe Care for infants born affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or FASD.
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- **DOH:** Pennsylvania Department of Health
- **Screening:** The determination of need for emergent care in the areas of withdrawal management, prenatal or psychiatric care. A short series of questions to identify the need for services and determine if further assessment is necessary. *Screening* is differentiated from *testing* in that testing involves biological samples.

For additional details, definitions and information visit: www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov

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