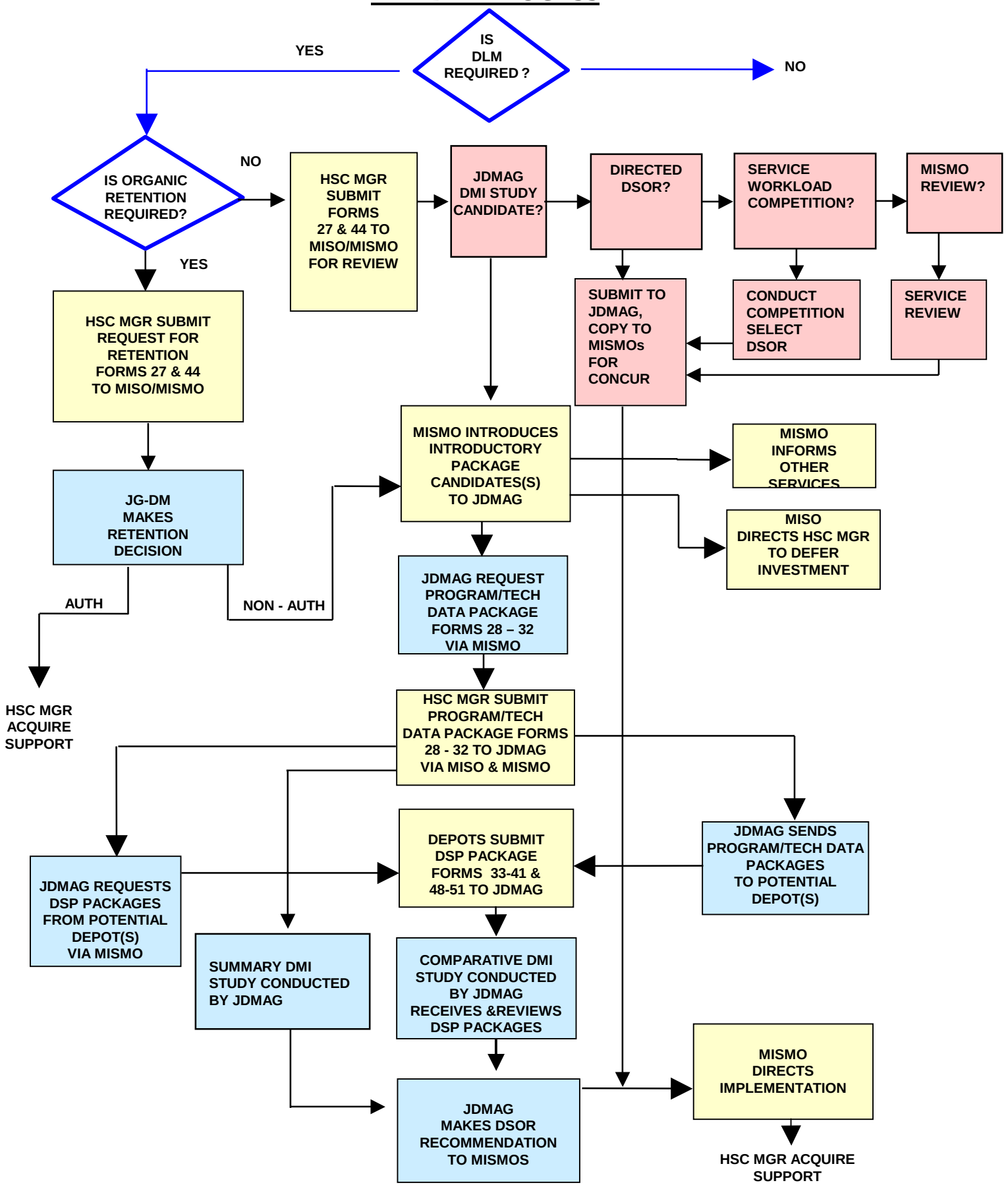THE DMI PROCESS