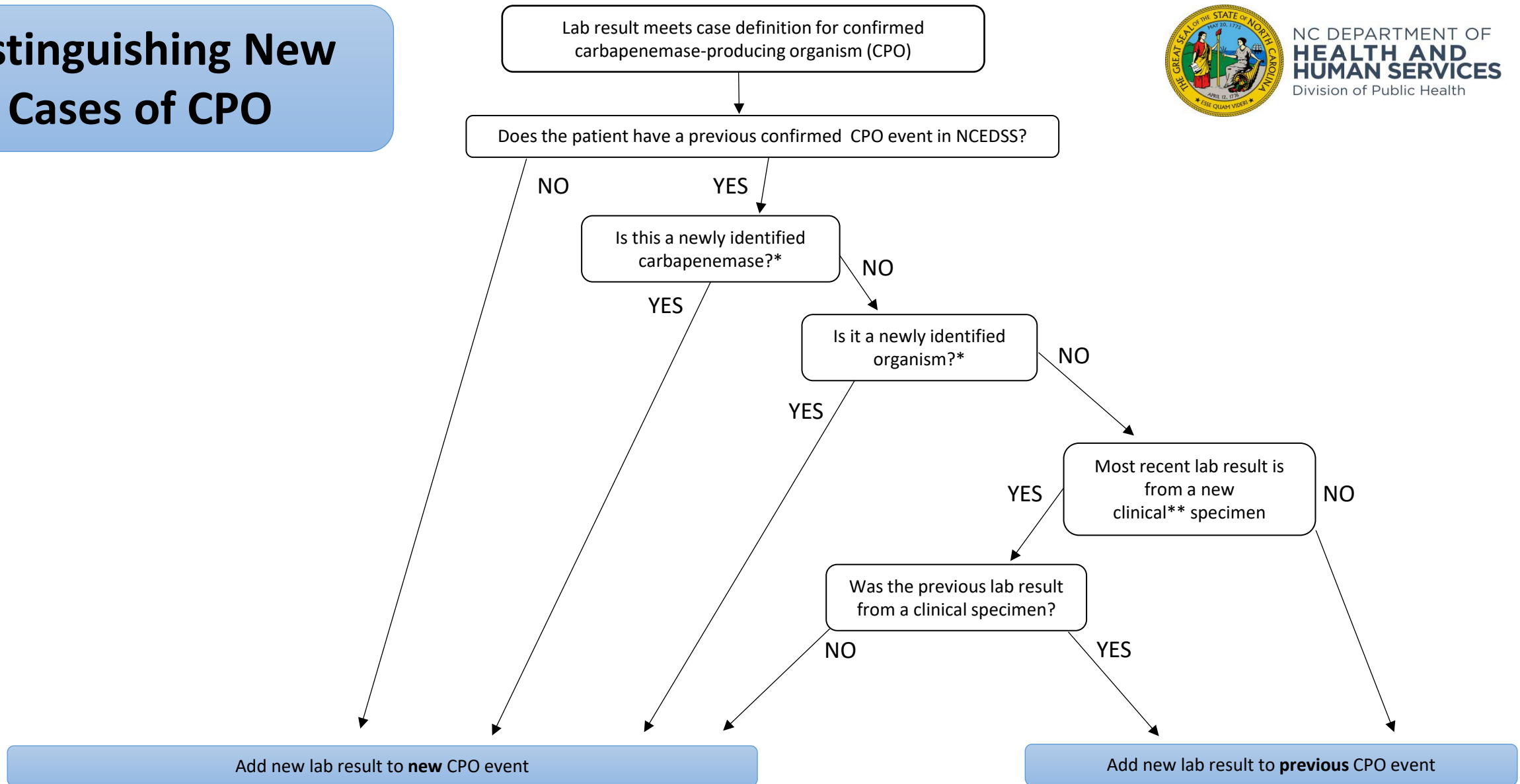


Distinguishing New Cases of CPO



*A specific organism/carbapenemase combination should be counted as a separate case. A case with known carbapenemase but unknown organism should only be counted once for that carbapenemase.
**A clinical specimen is collected for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease in the course of normal care. A screening isolate is collected for the detection of colonization and not for the purpose of diagnosing or treating disease. Screening tests should generally be limited to rectal, peri-rectal or stool cultures. Cultures from such sites can be assumed to be for screening unless specifically noted otherwise. Laboratory may also note screening culture for other sites (e.g., wounds, tracheostomy or central line sites).