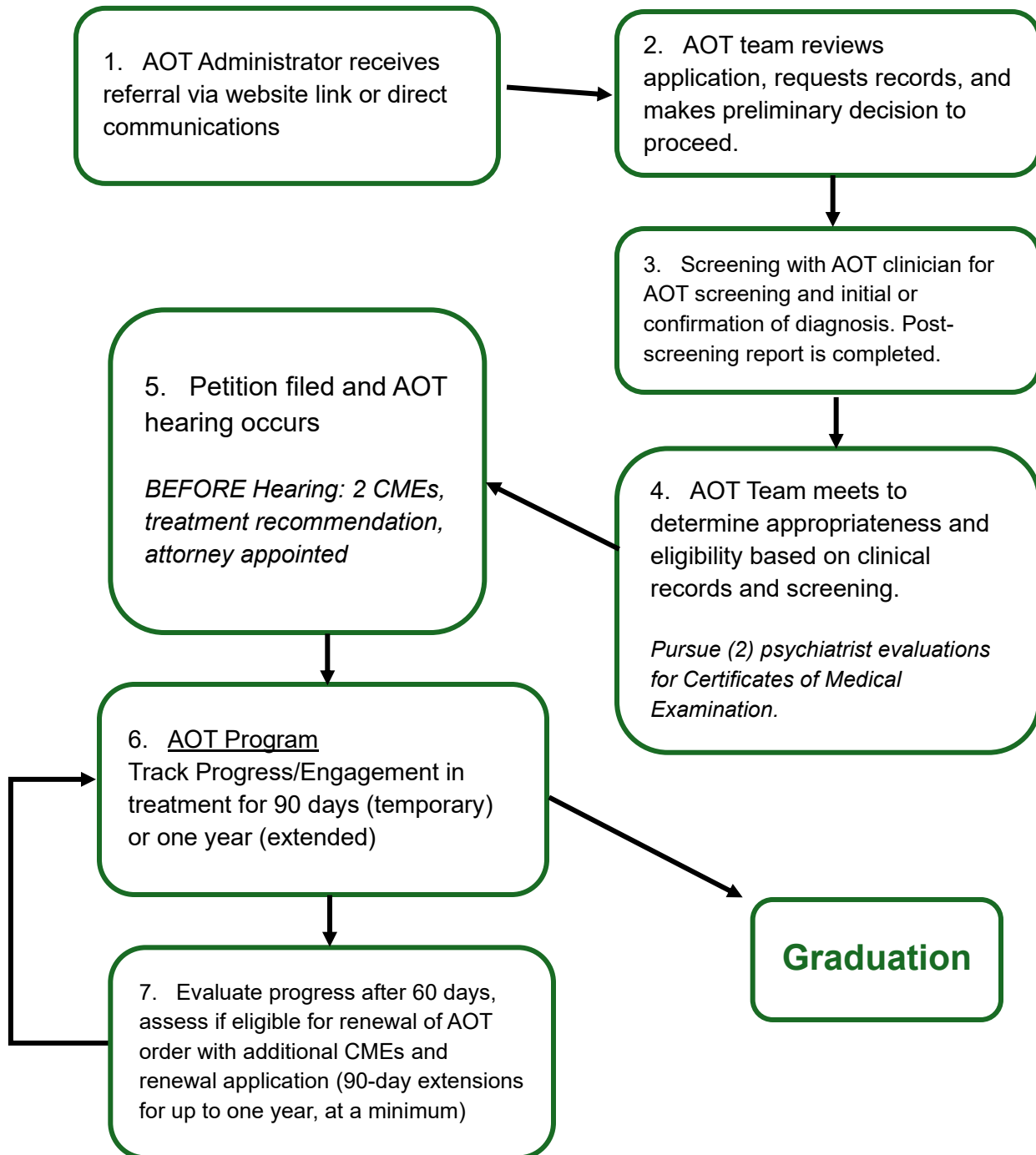


# Assisted Outpatient Treatment Referral Process



# AOT Referral Decision Guide

This referral matrix is intended to guide referral consideration and appropriateness for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and is not intended to serve as absolute inclusion or exclusion criteria. Each referral is evaluated individually based on clinical need, safety, treatment history, functional impairment, and the practical feasibility of successful community-based stabilization and engagement.

## 1. Referral

- Prosecution/Jail
- Hospital/Emergency Dept.
- Law Enforcement
- Family/Community
- Provider

## 2. Basic Eligibility

*Must meet all criteria:*

- Adult
- Has Serious Mental Illness
- Hays County resident/connection
- History of non-adherence/decompensation

If NO → refer elsewhere

If YES → continue

## 3. Community Risk/Need

- Unable to safely live in community
- Repeated deterioration/crisis
- Unlikely to engage voluntarily

If NO → voluntary services / monitoring

If YES → continue

## 4. Legal/Safety Review

Consider:

- Pending criminal charges
- Extensive or current violence
- Competency status/legal understanding

Determination:

- Appropriate
- Conditional review
- Defer pending stabilization

## 5. Complexity/Feasibility

Evaluate:

- Homelessness
- Medication refusal
- Incarceration status
- IDD/cognitive impairment
- Personality disorders

## 6. Staffing Recommendation

Possible outcomes:

- Accept into AOT
- Accept with enhanced support
- Delay pending stabilization
- Refer to inpatient/higher LOC
- Refer to MHC/diversion only
- Monitor/re-refer later