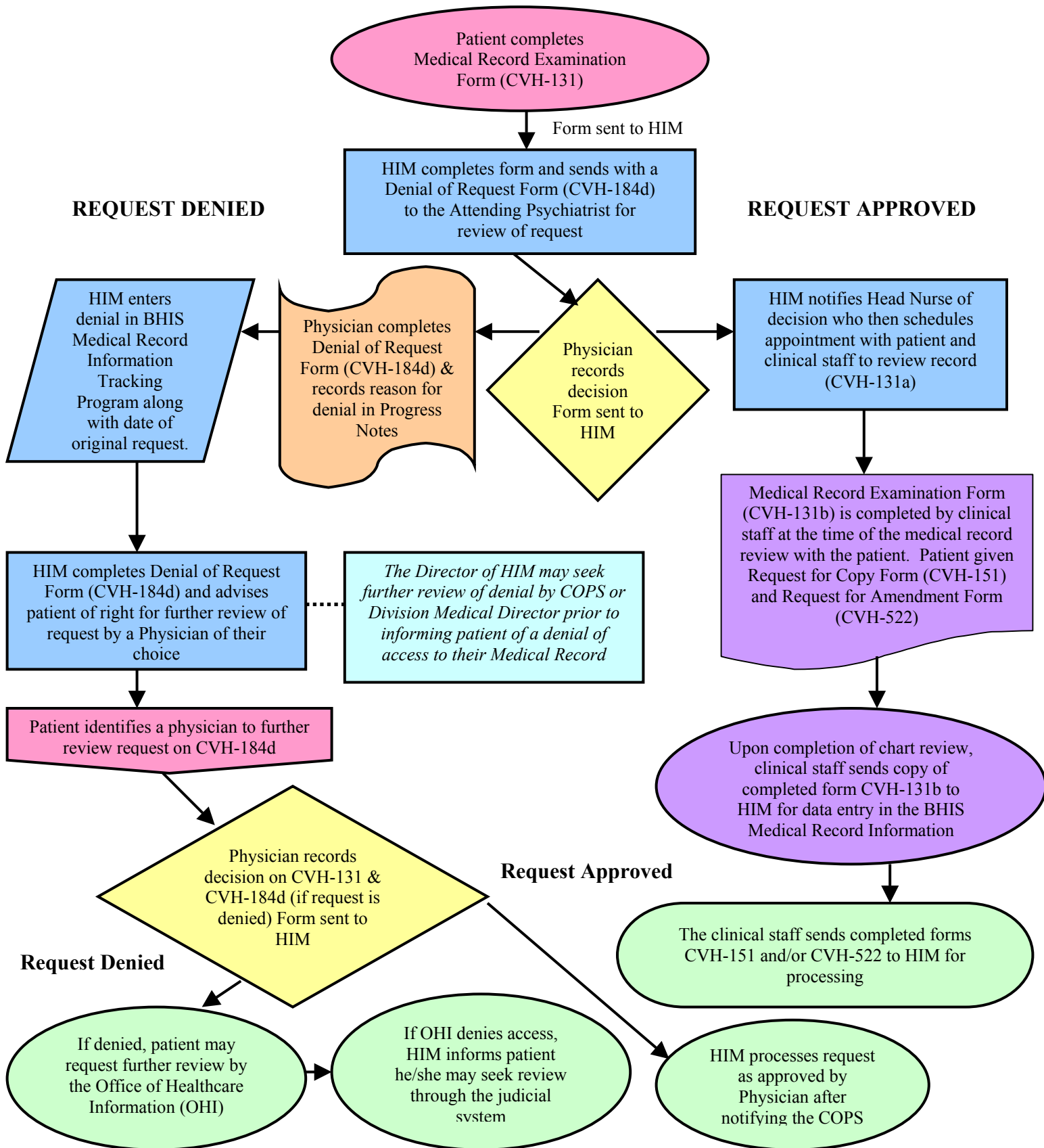


PATIENT REQUEST TO ACCESS MEDICAL RECORD



It is the policy of DMHAS and CVH that staff shall make records available for inspection and comment by recipients of care.

- UNLESS:**
1. The information in the records would create a reaction that would cause a substantial risk that the patient would inflict life threatening injury to his/her self or to others;
 2. or the patient may experience a severe deterioration in mental state; and/or
 3. disclosure of this information would violate the confidentiality of another person.

DMHAS believes that allowing consumers to read their own records and discuss them with their clinicians reduces suspicion, creates opportunities for discussion between consumers and treaters, and increases consumer participation in treatment.