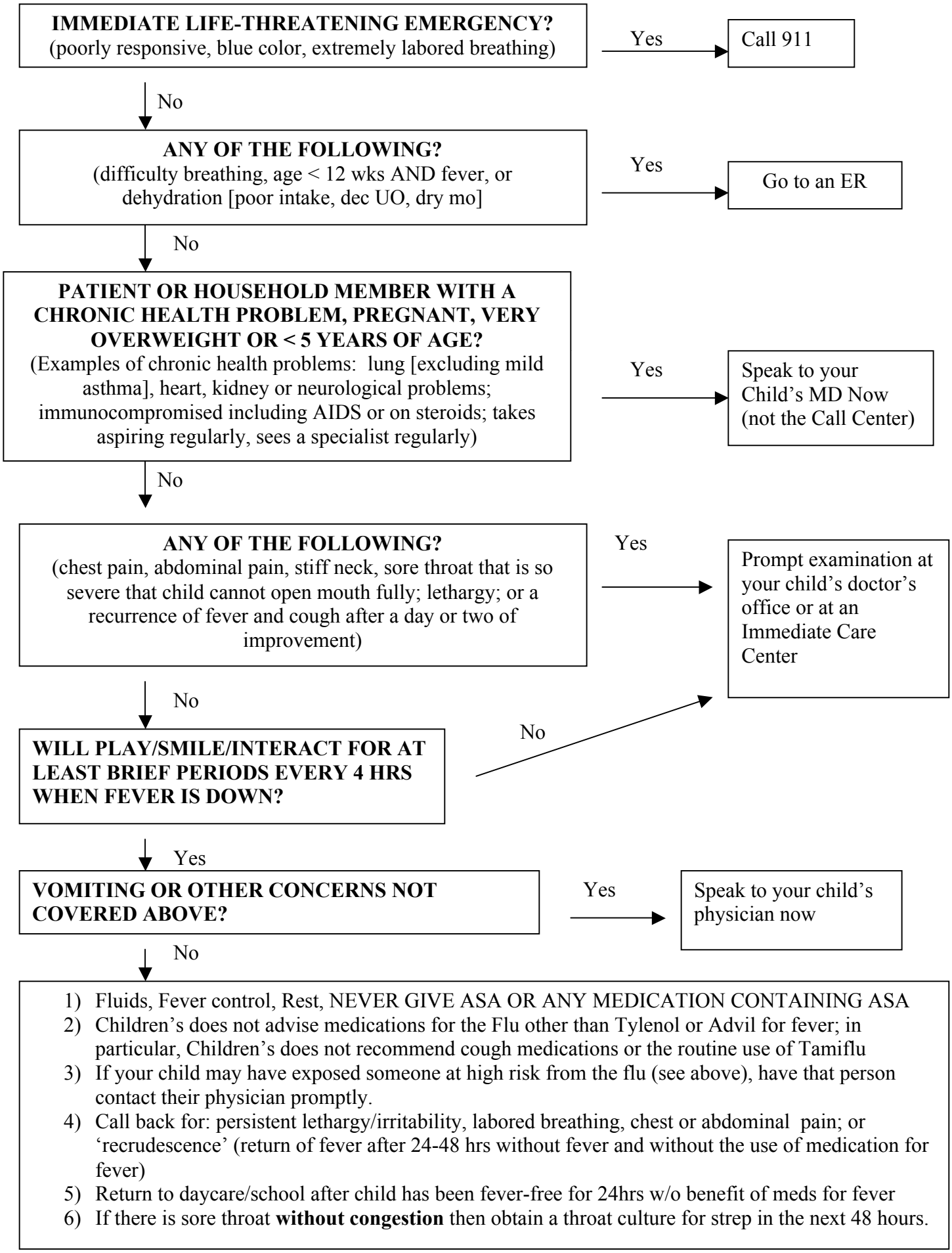
IMMEDIATE LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY?
(poorly responsive, blue color, extremely labored breathing)
Yes
Call 911
No
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?
(difficulty breathing, age < 12 wks AND fever, or dehydration [poor intake, dec UO, dry mo]
Yes
Go to an ER
No
PATIENT OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH A CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEM, PREGNANT, VERY OVERWEIGHT OR < 5 YEARS OF AGE?
(Examples of chronic health problems: lung [excluding mild asthma], heart, kidney or neurological problems; immunocompromised including AIDS or on steroids; takes aspiring regularly, sees a specialist regularly)
Yes
Speak to your Child's MD Now (not the Call Center)
No
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?
(chest pain, abdominal pain, stiff neck, sore throat that is so severe that child cannot open mouth fully; lethargy; or a recurrence of fever and cough after a day or two of improvement)
Yes
Prompt examination at your child's doctor's office or at an Immediate Care Center
No
WILL PLAY/SMILE/INTERACT FOR AT LEAST BRIEF PERIODS EVERY 4 HRS WHEN FEVER IS DOWN?
No
Yes
VOMITING OR OTHER CONCERNS NOT COVERED ABOVE?
Yes
Speak to your child's physician now
No
1) Fluids, Fever control, Rest, NEVER GIVE ASA OR ANY MEDICATION CONTAINING ASA
2) Children's does not advise medications for the Flu other than Tylenol or Advil for fever; in particular, Children's does not recommend cough medications or the routine use of Tamiflu
3) If your child may have exposed someone at high risk from the flu (see above), have that person contact their physician promptly.
4) Call back for: persistent lethargy/irritability, labored breathing, chest or abdominal pain; or 'recrudescence' (return of fever after 24-48 hrs without fever and without the use of medication for fever)
5) Return to daycare/school after child has been fever-free for 24hrs w/o benefit of meds for fever
6) If there is sore throat without congestion then obtain a throat culture for strep in the next 48 hours.