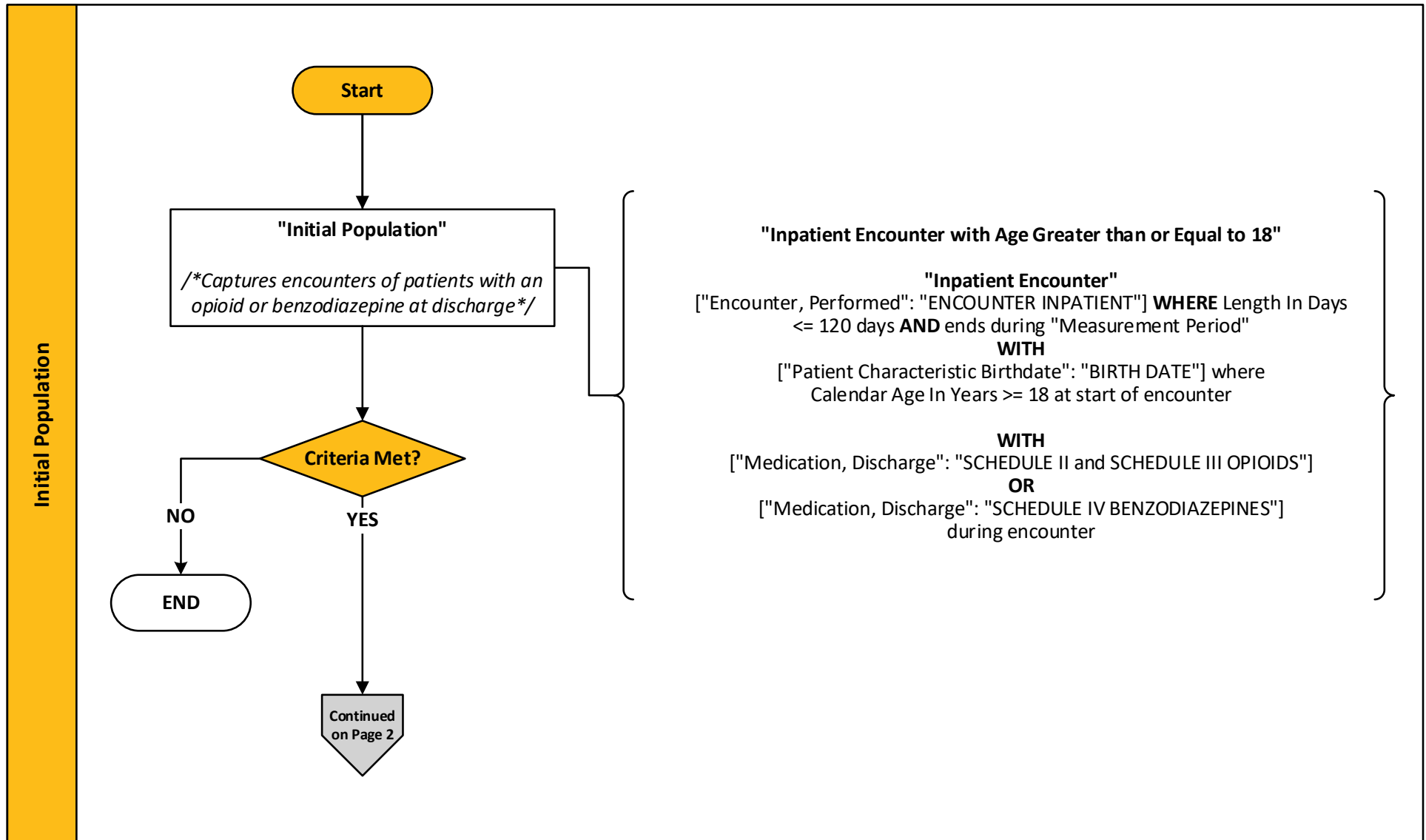


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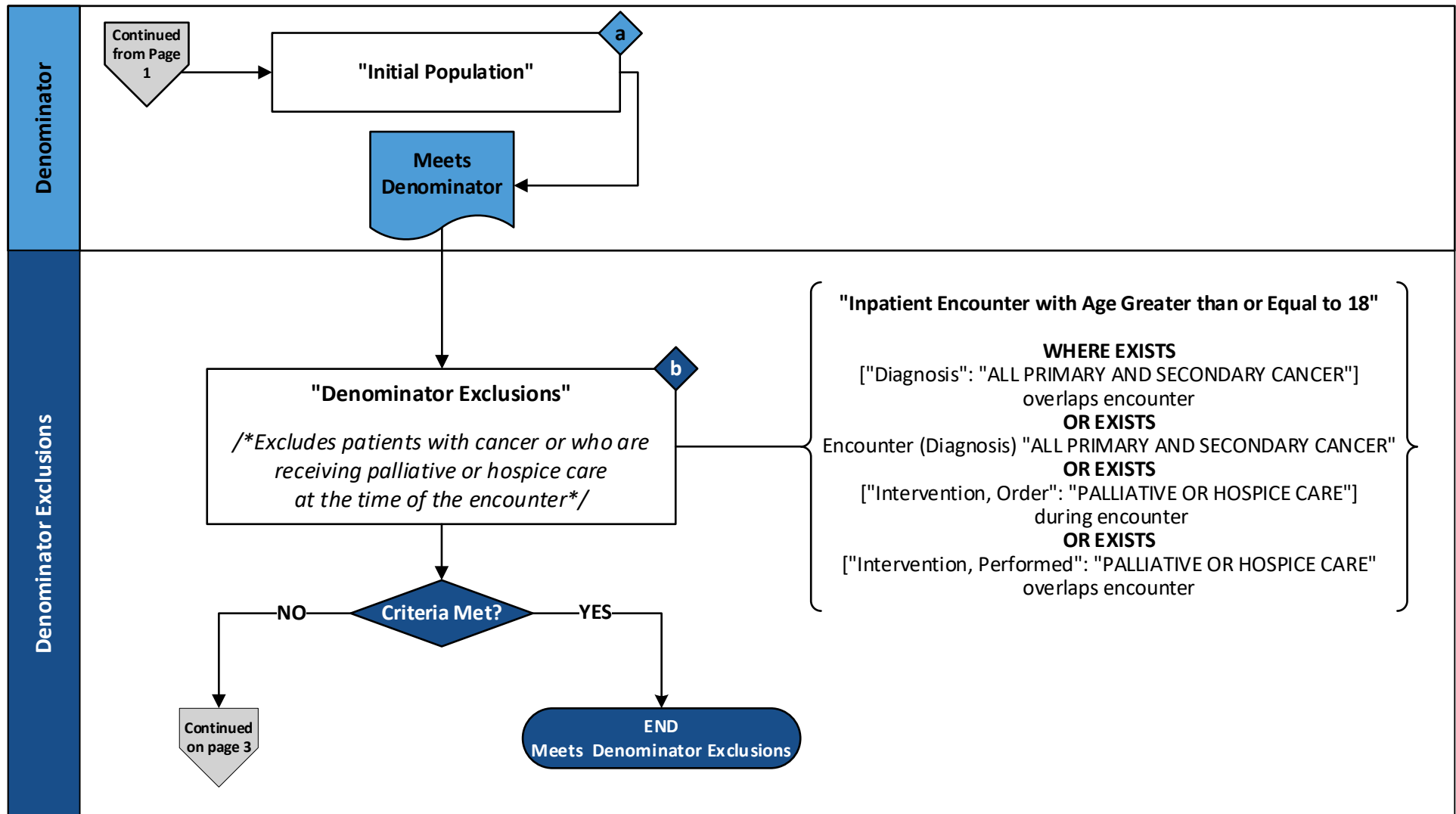
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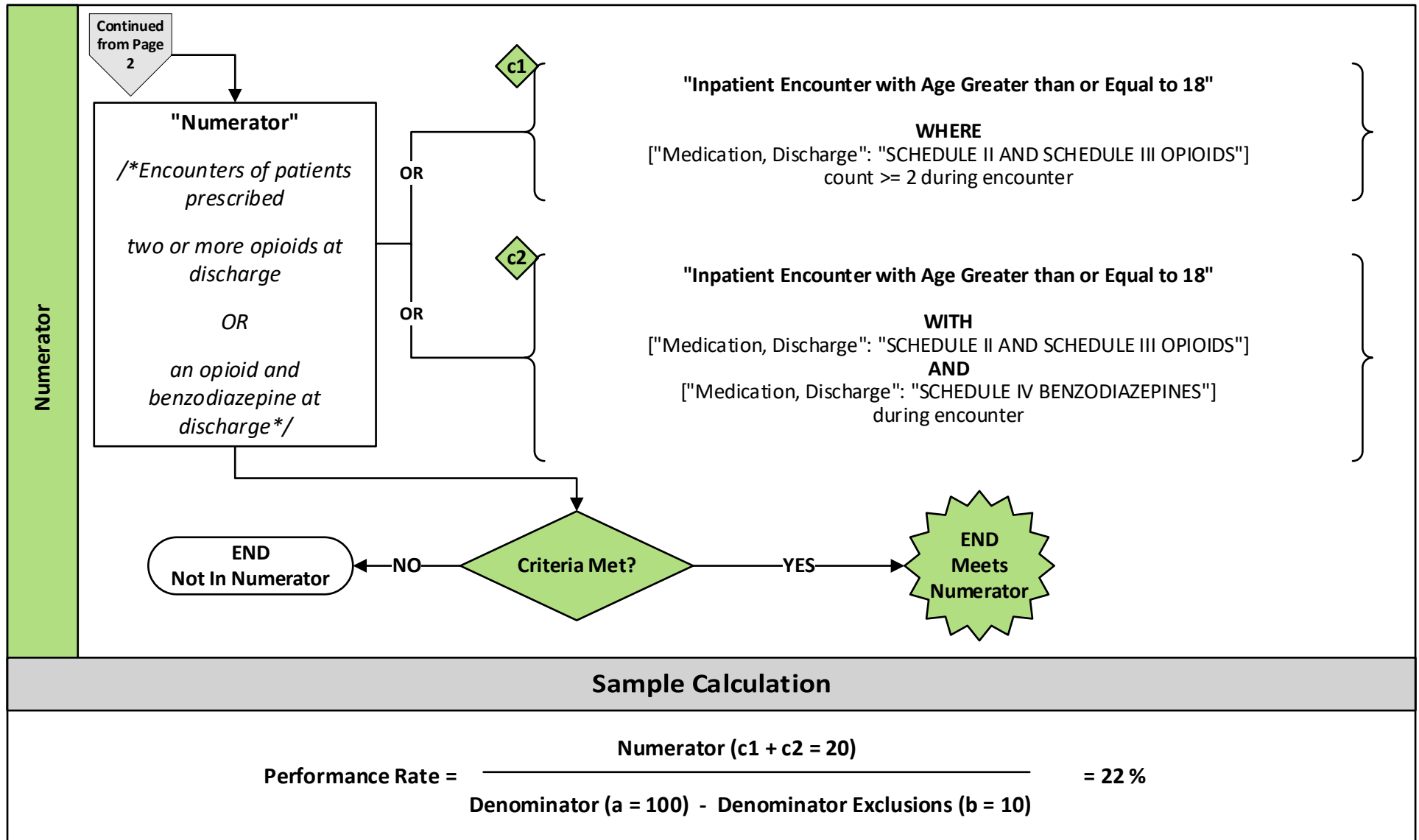
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Measure Flow Narrative

The measure flow diagram on the preceding pages illustrates the steps to determine the population criteria for this measure.

Measure Description	This measure assesses the proportion of inpatient hospitalizations for patients age 18 years and older prescribed, or continued on, two or more opioids or an opioid and benzodiazepine concurrently at discharge
Initial Population	Start by identifying the initial population criteria as inpatient hospitalizations where: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the patient is 18 years or older at the start of the encounter• the patient had a length of stay less than or equal to 120 days that ends during the measurement period• the patient is prescribed a new or continuing opioid or benzodiazepine at discharge
Denominator	The denominator is the same as the initial population

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Measure Flow Narrative (Continued)

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Denominator Exclusions	The denominator exclusions criteria identify a subset of the denominator population by excluding inpatient hospitalizations where the patient has cancer that overlaps the encounter or is receiving palliative or hospice care (including comfort measures, terminal care, and dying care) during the encounter
Numerator	<p>The numerator criteria identify a subset of the denominator population (that did not meet the denominator exclusions criteria) by including inpatient hospitalizations where the patient is prescribed or is continuing to take at discharge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• two or more opioids• or an opioid AND a benzodiazepine