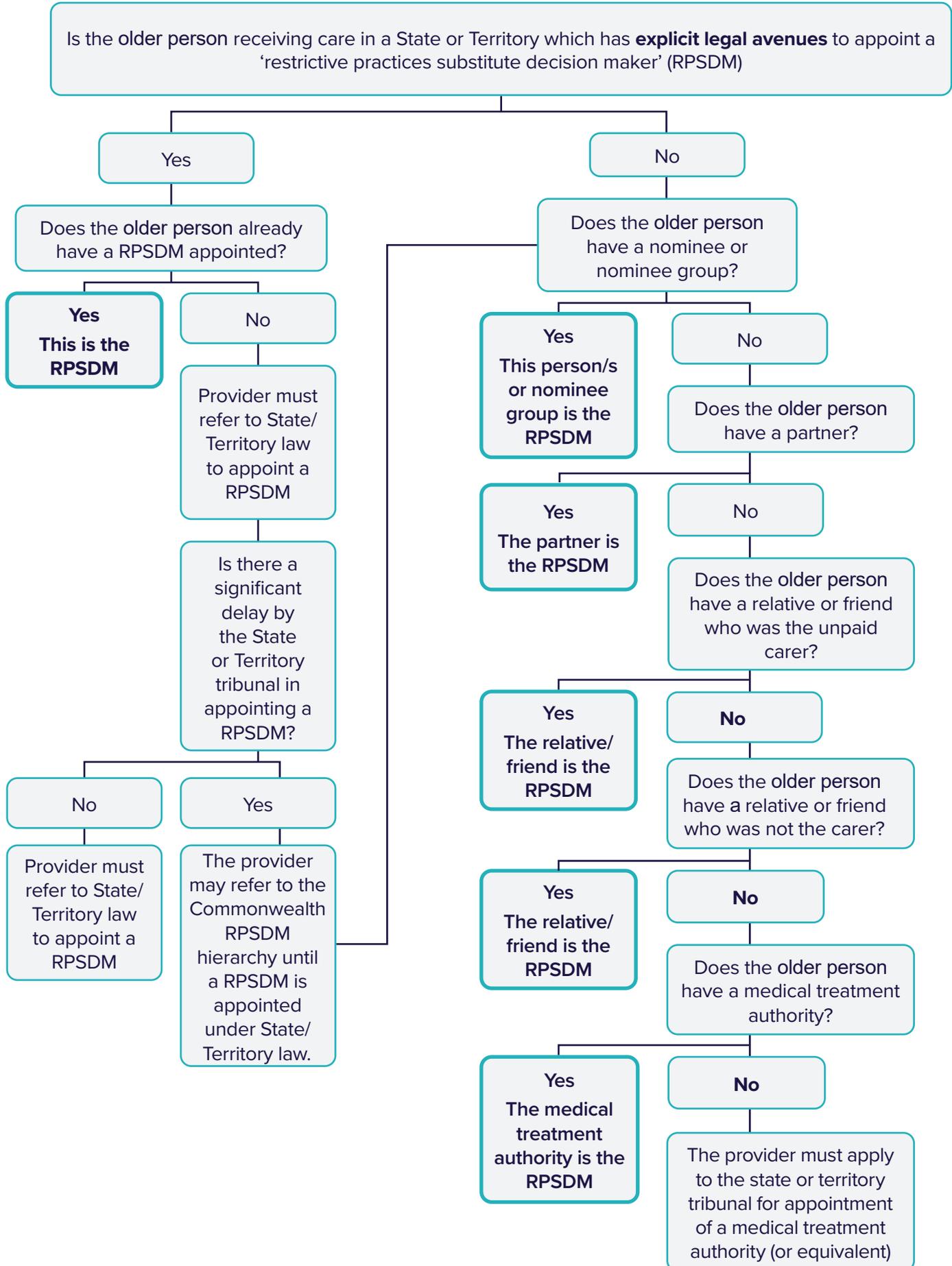




# Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision Maker: Decision Tree



## Key

**Commonwealth RPSDM hierarchy** – the table set out in section 6-20 of the [Aged Care Rules 2025](#)

**RPSDM** – Restrictive Practices Substitute Decision Maker.

**Restrictive Practices Nominee** – an individual or a group of individuals nominated by the older person who can give informed consent to the use of the restrictive practice in relation to the older person if the older person lacks capacity to give that consent, has agreed in writing, and has capacity to give that consent.

**Partner** – has a close continuing relationship with the older person, has agreed in writing to act as the RPSDM and has capacity to give consent.

**Relative/Friend who was carer** – was the carer on an unpaid basis immediately before the older person entered care, has a personal interest in the welfare of the older person, has a close continuing relationship with the older person, has agreed in writing to act as the RPSDM and has capacity to give consent.

**Relative/Friend who was not the carer** – has a personal interest in the welfare of the older person, has a close continuing relationship with the older person, has agreed in writing to act as the RPSDM and has capacity to give consent.

**Medical Treatment Authority** – individual or body appointed in writing under the law of the State or Territory in which the older person is provided with aged care, as an individual or body that can give informed consent to the provision of medical treatment (however described) to the older person if the older person lacks capacity to give that consent