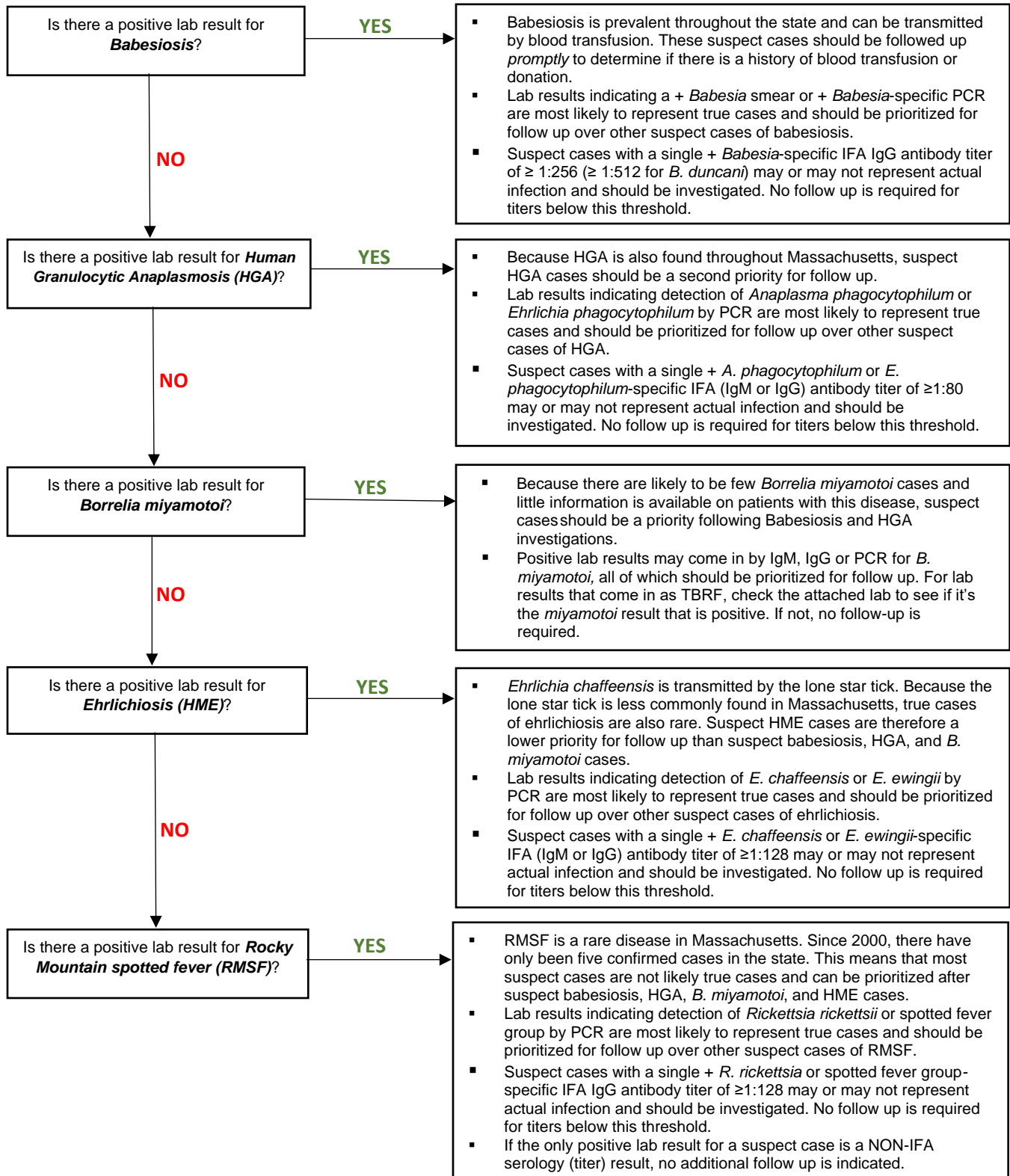


## **HELPFUL HINTS:**

### **Follow up for Suspect Cases of Tickborne Disease**

This information is intended to help you prioritize the follow up of suspect cases of tickborne disease based on laboratory test results that are reported to you. A “positive” result does not necessarily indicate presence of disease. *For this reason, you should ALWAYS call the ordering provider first to confirm a diagnosis before contacting the patient. If you are not able to confirm a diagnosis with the physician and choose to follow up with the patient, be aware that the patient may not have been given a diagnosis of a tickborne disease by the doctor.* If the patient has NOT been given a diagnosis of infection with a tickborne disease, further case investigation is not required.



The information above is intended as guidance only and local protocols for follow up may vary.

\*LBOHs are not asked to conduct case-based follow-up for Lyme disease.

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