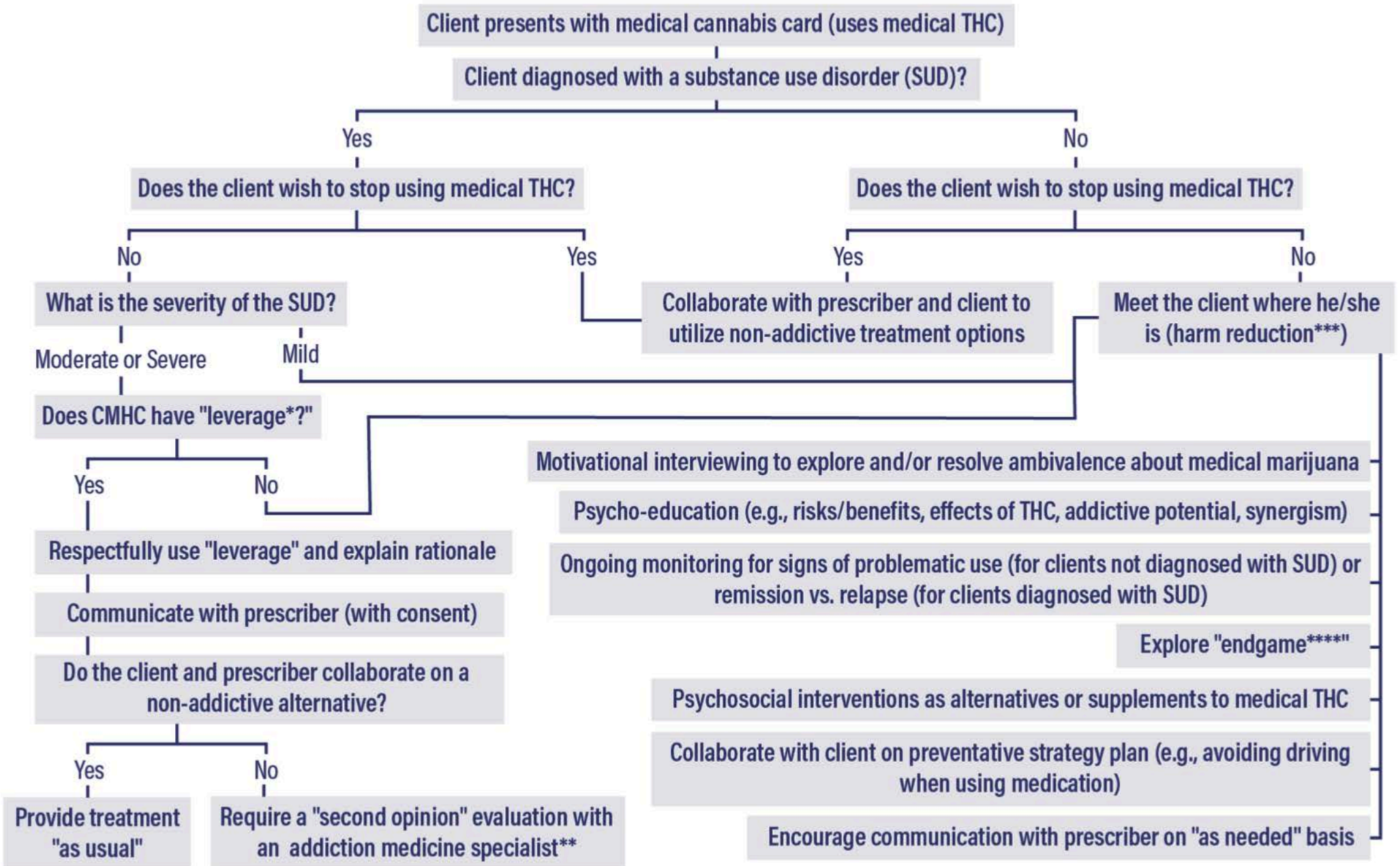


Decision matrix for clinical mental health counselors encountering medical cannabis use in mental health and substance abuse treatment settings



Definitions:

- ***Leverage:** Resources or outcomes pursued by a client that may be conditional to successful treatment completion (e.g., successful compliance with probation/avoidance of incarceration, reunification with children, eligibility for social programs, reinstatement of driver's license)
- ** **Addiction medicine specialist:** a physician or psychiatrist who is certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) with expertise in prevention, screening, intervention, and treatment for substance use (asam.org)
- *** **Harm reduction:** A treatment and prevention approach focused on decreasing health and socio-economic costs and consequences of addiction-related problems, whether the client is still using an addictive substance or not
- ******Endgame:** Refers to the long-term strategies and approaches the client will use for his or her presenting problem(s) vs. short-term approaches. In other words, because addictive medications, when used daily over extended periods of time, tend to produce tolerance, what will the client do when the medication stops having as much therapeutic effect in the future?