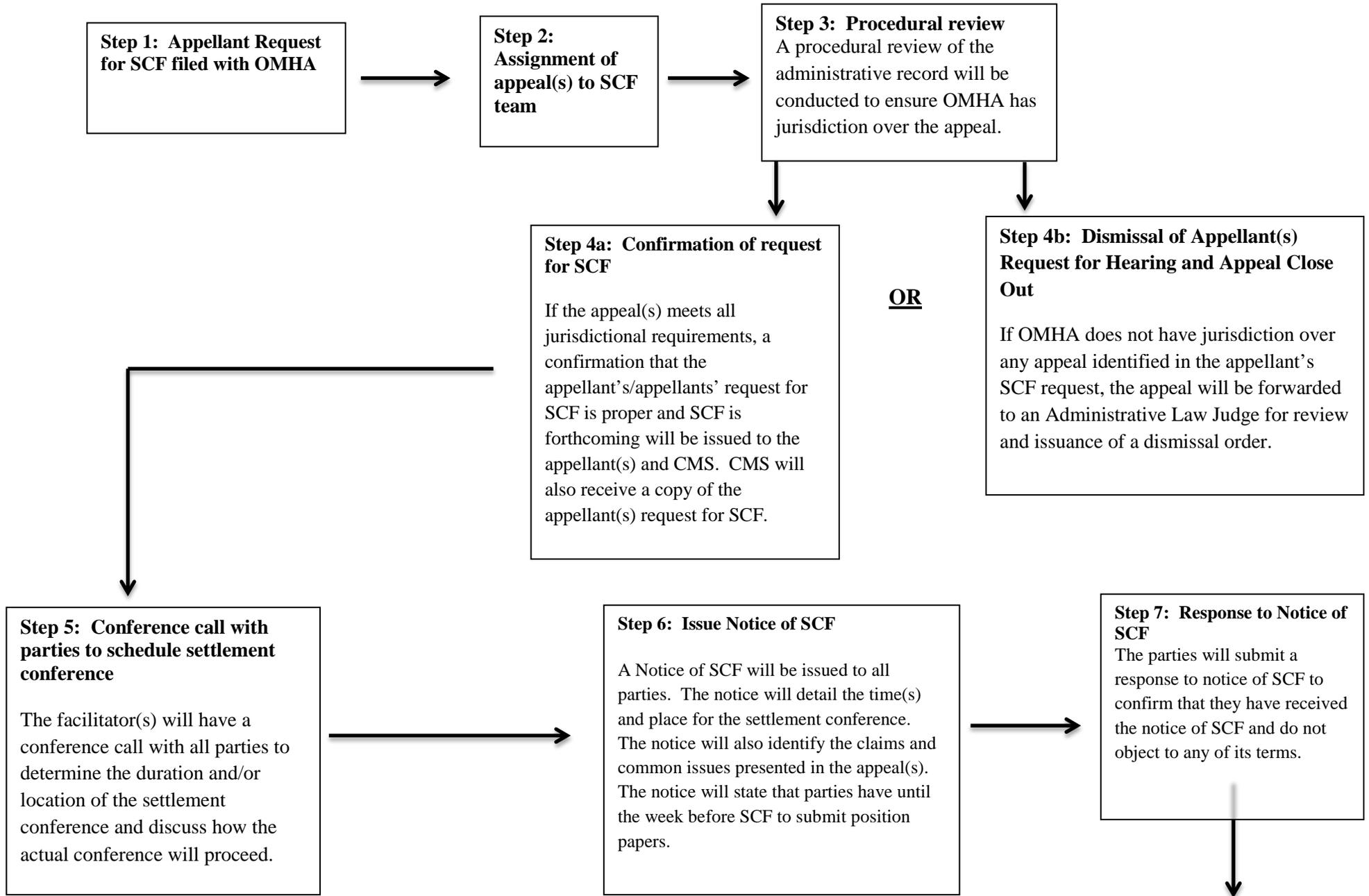


SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE FACILITATION PROCESS



Step 8: Settlement Conference with CMS, appellant(s), and OMHA Facilitator(s)

Step 9a: Parties agree to settlement

The terms for claims' resolution will be decided by the parties. The settlement will be typed and printed by the facilitator(s) at the settlement conference. The parties will then review the completed agreement and sign the settlement before the conclusion of the conference.

The settlement must contain some standard terms for the purposes of appeal processing. These terms include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The parties agree that there will be no further appeals. The appellant(s) withdraw their request(s) for ALJ hearing.

Step 9b: No resolution

The appeal(s) will be placed back into regular assignment rotation in the place where the appeal(s) should have been in light of the original filing date of ALJ request for hearing.

Step 10: Appeal Dismissal and Close Out

All appeals in the settlement will be combined into one ALJ appeal number (if necessary). An order of dismissal for withdrawal of the request(s) for ALJ hearing will be issued and mailed to all the parties. The dismissal order will state that the parties reached an amicable settlement of all the claims in the appeal and that the appellant(s) have expressed their clear intent not to proceed with the appeals process. The settlement agreement must be attached to the dismissal order. The SCF team will also create a master record which includes the order of dismissal, settlement agreement, notices, and position papers that were shared to all parties (if any) and ship this record to the AdQIC.