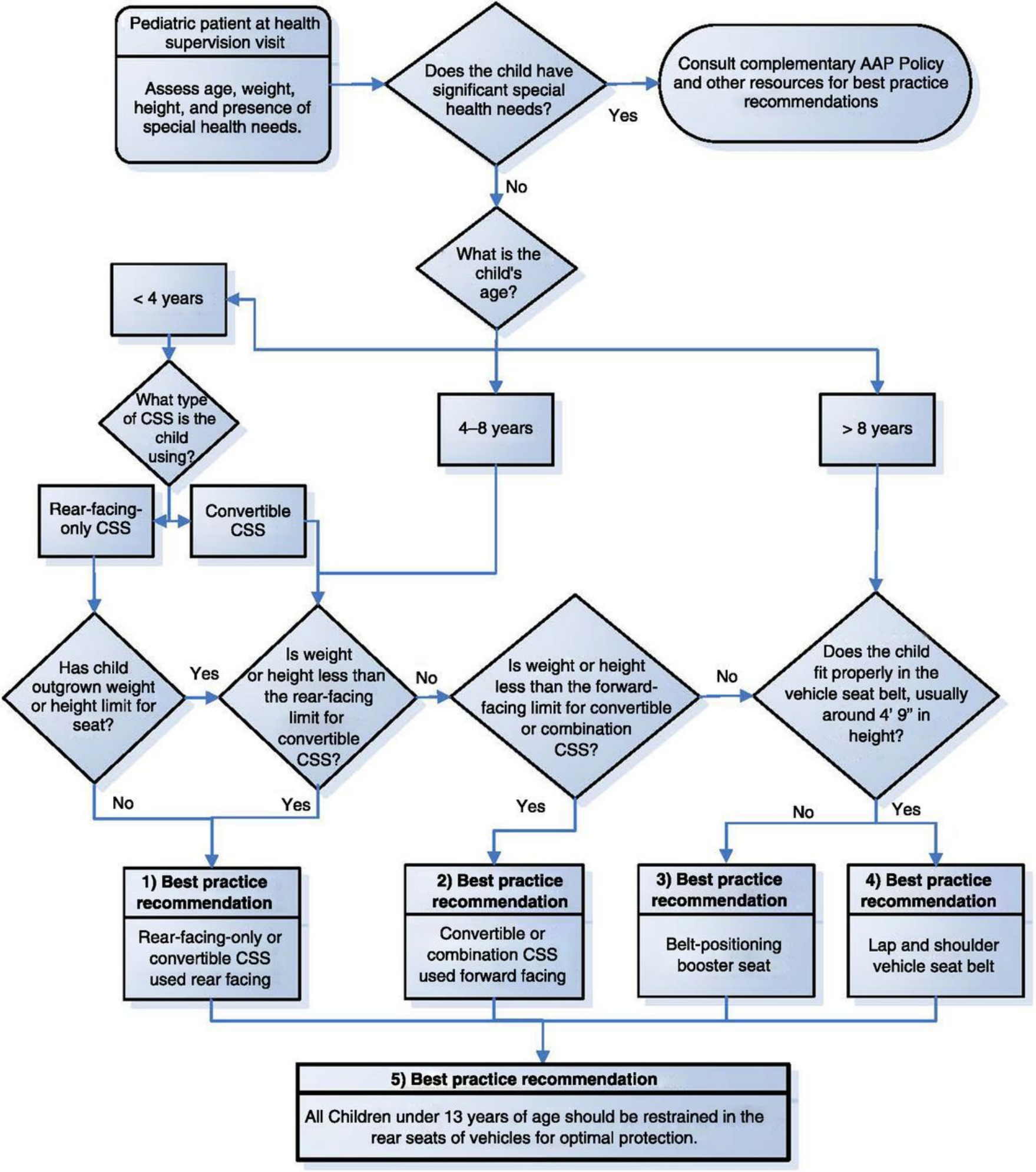
Pediatric patient at health supervision visit
Assess age, weight, height, and presence of special health needs.
Does the child have significant special health needs?
Yes
Consult complementary AAP Policy and other resources for best practice recommendations
No
What is the child's age?
< 4 years
4–8 years
> 8 years
What type of CSS is the child using?
Rear-facing-only CSS
Convertible CSS
Has child outgrown weight or height limit for seat?
Yes
Is weight or height less than the rear-facing limit for convertible CSS?
No
Is weight or height less than the forward-facing limit for convertible or combination CSS?
No
Does the child fit properly in the vehicle seat belt, usually around 4' 9" in height?
No
Yes
Yes
No
Yes
1) Best practice recommendation
Rear-facing-only or convertible CSS used rear facing
2) Best practice recommendation
Convertible or combination CSS used forward facing
3) Best practice recommendation
Belt-positioning booster seat
4) Best practice recommendation
Lap and shoulder vehicle seat belt
5) Best practice recommendation
All Children under 13 years of age should be restrained in the rear seats of vehicles for optimal protection.