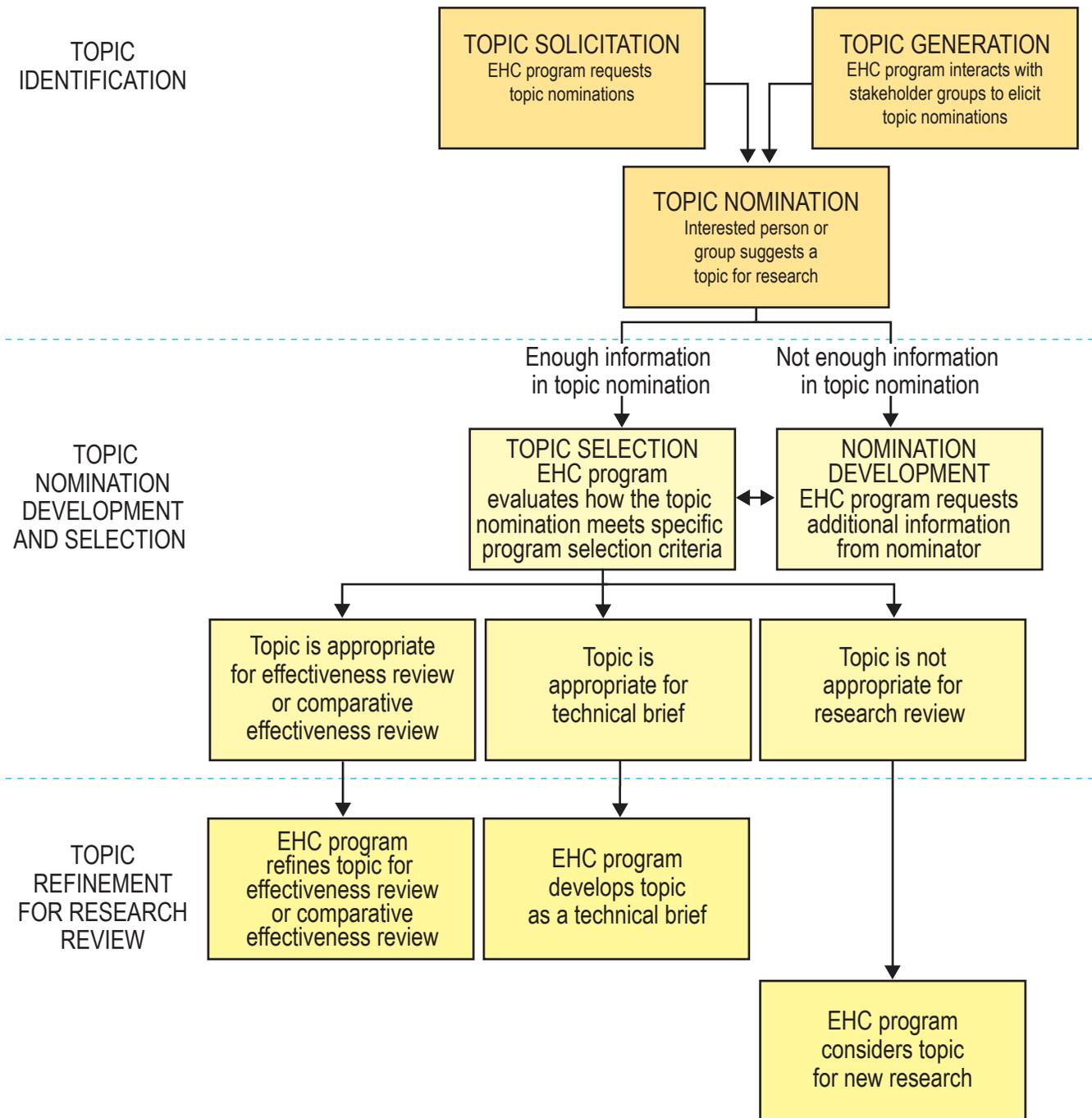


Effective Health Care (EHC) Program Lifecycle of a Topic Nomination for Research



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EHC Program Selection Criteria

Factors that will be considered in the selection of topic nominations for AHRQ Effective Health Care research and reports include:

- Burden of disease, including severity, incidence and/or prevalence, or relevance of organizational/financial suggestions of research to the general population and/or AHRQ's priority populations, which include:
 - Low-income groups
 - Minority groups
 - Women
 - Children
 - The elderly
 - Individuals with special health care needs, such as those with disabilities, those who need chronic care or end-of-life care, or those who live in inner-city and rural areas.
- Controversy or uncertainty about the topic and availability of scientific data to support the systematic review and analysis.
- Total costs associated with a condition, procedure, treatment, or technology, or organization/financial topic, whether due to the number of people needing care, the unit cost of care, or indirect costs.
- Potential impact for reducing clinically significant variations in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or management of a disease or condition, or in the use of a procedure or technology.
- Potential impact for informing and for improving patient and/or professional decision-making, improving health outcomes, and/or reducing costs.
- Relevance to the needs of the Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs.