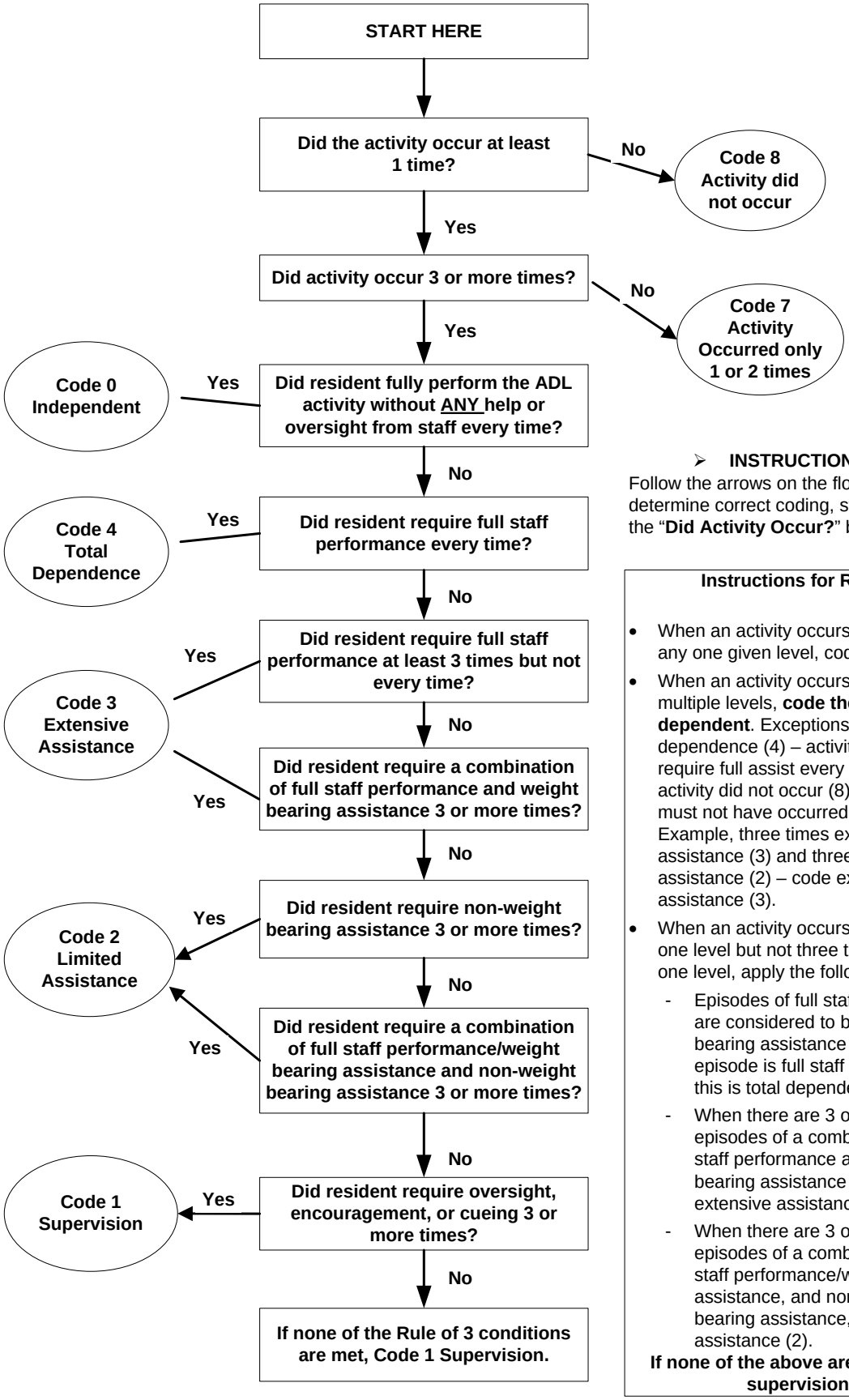
MDS 3.0 ADL Decision Flow Sheet (April 22, 2010)



➢ **INSTRUCTIONS**

Follow the arrows on the flowchart to determine correct coding, starting at the "**Did Activity Occur?**" box.

Instructions for Rule 3

- When an activity occurs three times at any one given level, code that level.
- When an activity occurs three times at multiple levels, **code the most dependent**. Exceptions are: total dependence (4) – activity must require full assist every time; and activity did not occur (8) – activity must not have occurred at all. Example, three times extensive assistance (3) and three times limited assistance (2) – code extensive assistance (3).
- When an activity occurs at more than one level but not three times at any one level, apply the following:
  - Episodes of full staff performance are considered to be weight-bearing assistance (when every episode is full staff performance - this is total dependence).
  - When there are 3 or more episodes of a combination of full staff performance and weight-bearing assistance - code extensive assistance (3).
  - When there are 3 or more episodes of a combination of full staff performance/weight bearing assistance, and non-weight bearing assistance, code limited assistance (2).

If none of the above are met, code supervision