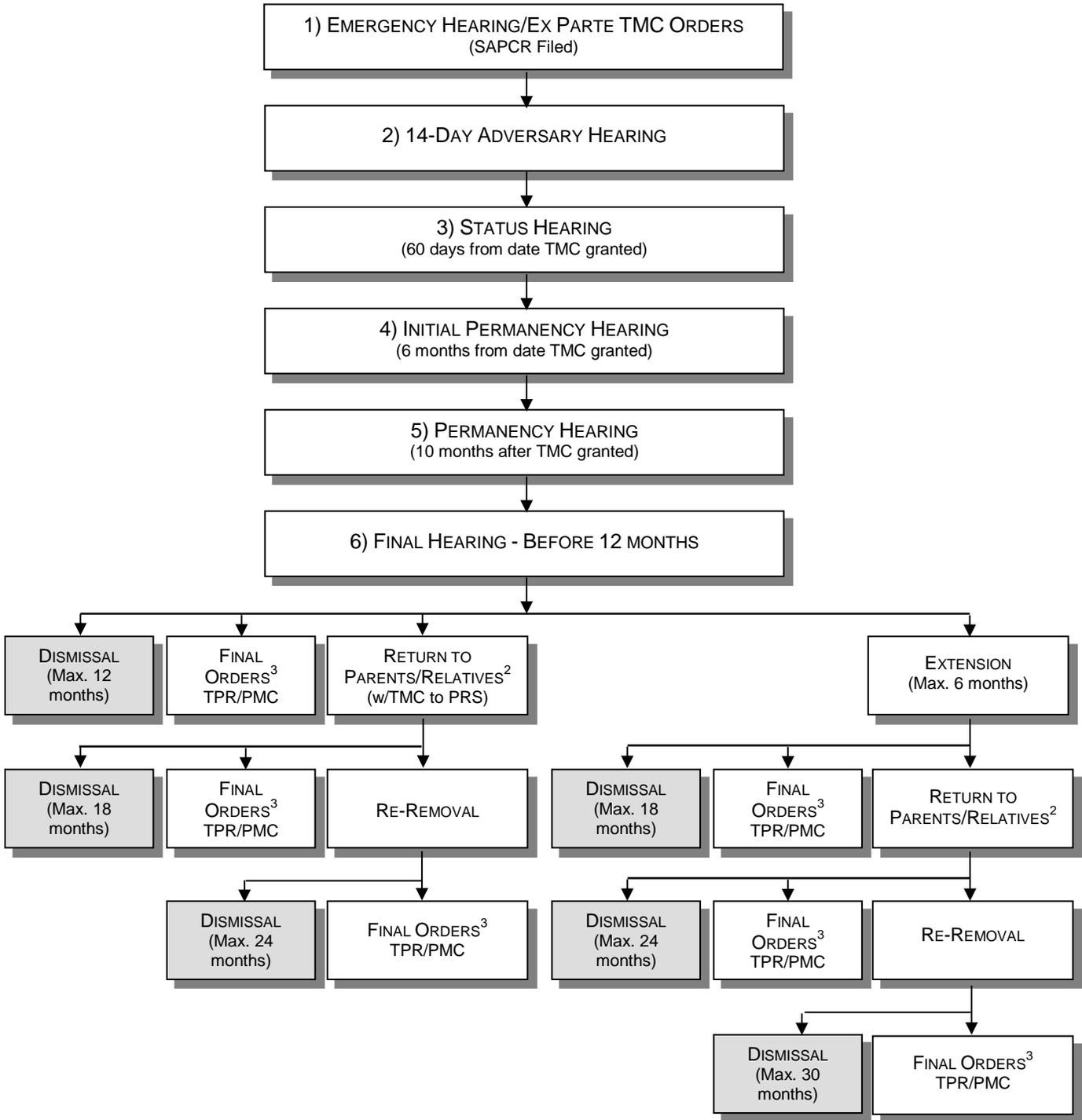


# Overview of 12-Month Court Process for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Applies to all new cases filed on or after January 1, 1998. For cases filed prior to January 1, 1998, at the first hearing held after January 1, 1998, the court must set a dismissal date for no later than two years from that hearing date.

<sup>2</sup> The court may issue temporary orders returning the child to parents or a relative, with continued TMC to PRS for up to 6 months for monitoring.

<sup>3</sup> The court conducts a Placement Review at 6 month intervals from the time PMC is awarded to PRS until the adoption is consummated or the child is emancipated.