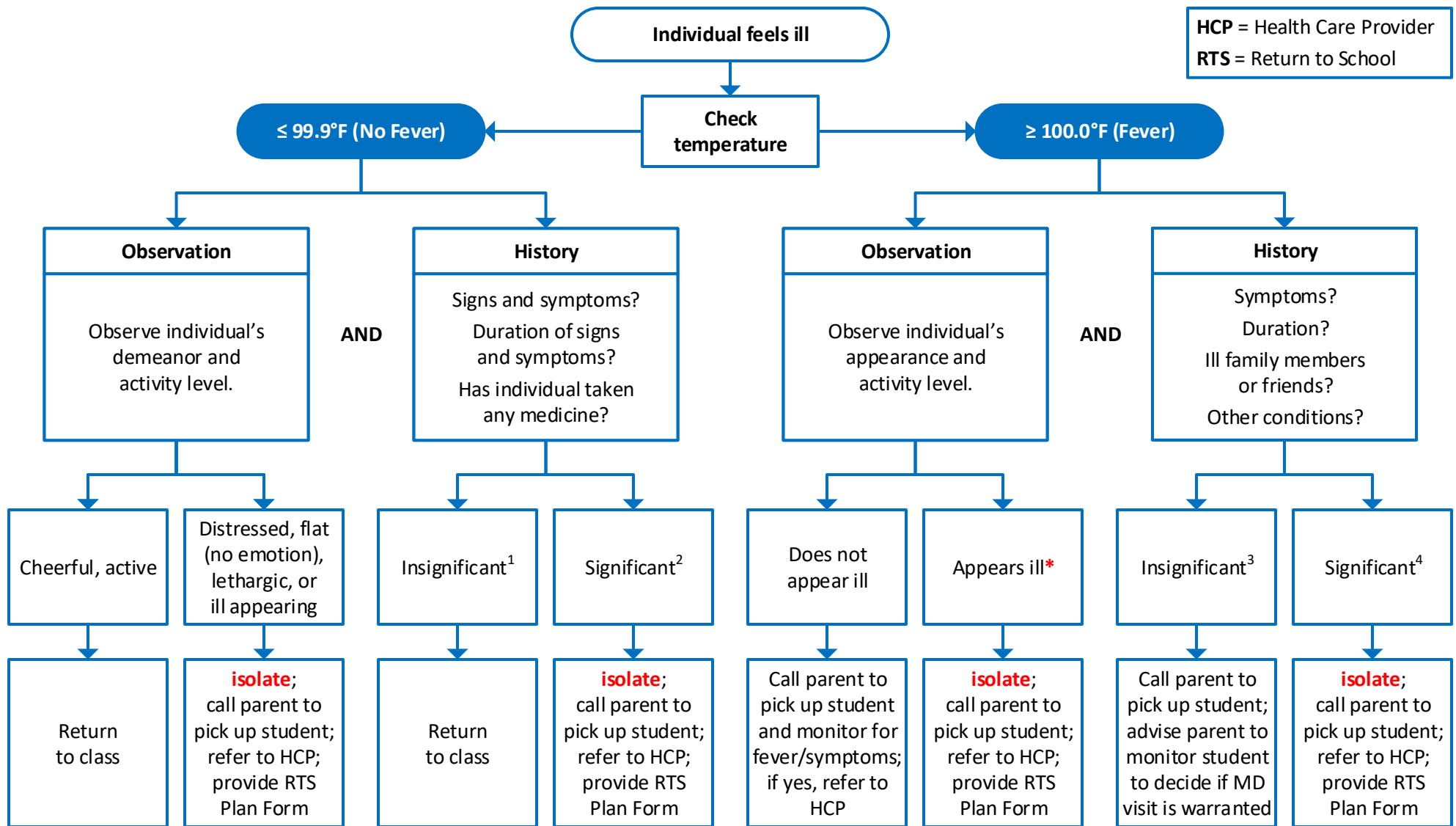


# Flowchart for Assessing Illness in the Absence of the School Nurse

HCP = Health Care Provider  
RTS = Return to School



\* If individual is experiencing difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, call 911.

<sup>1</sup> Insignificant: symptoms just started; history of allergies; mild symptoms; no medicine taken or only allergy medicine taken

<sup>2</sup> Significant: symptoms began at home in the a.m. or last night; appears ill; doesn't typically complain; teacher insists student is ill; reports taking medicine at home such as ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin) or acetaminophen (Tylenol)

<sup>3</sup> Insignificant: temperature in the 100's, does not appear ill, cheerful and talkative

<sup>4</sup> Significant: high fever; appears ill; family member is sick; has asthma, diabetes, other chronic condition

**Note:** Students referred to HCP may not return to school until:  
(1) HCP provides alternative diagnosis; (2) parent can provide neg test result; or (3) after 10 days, if neither of the above sought.