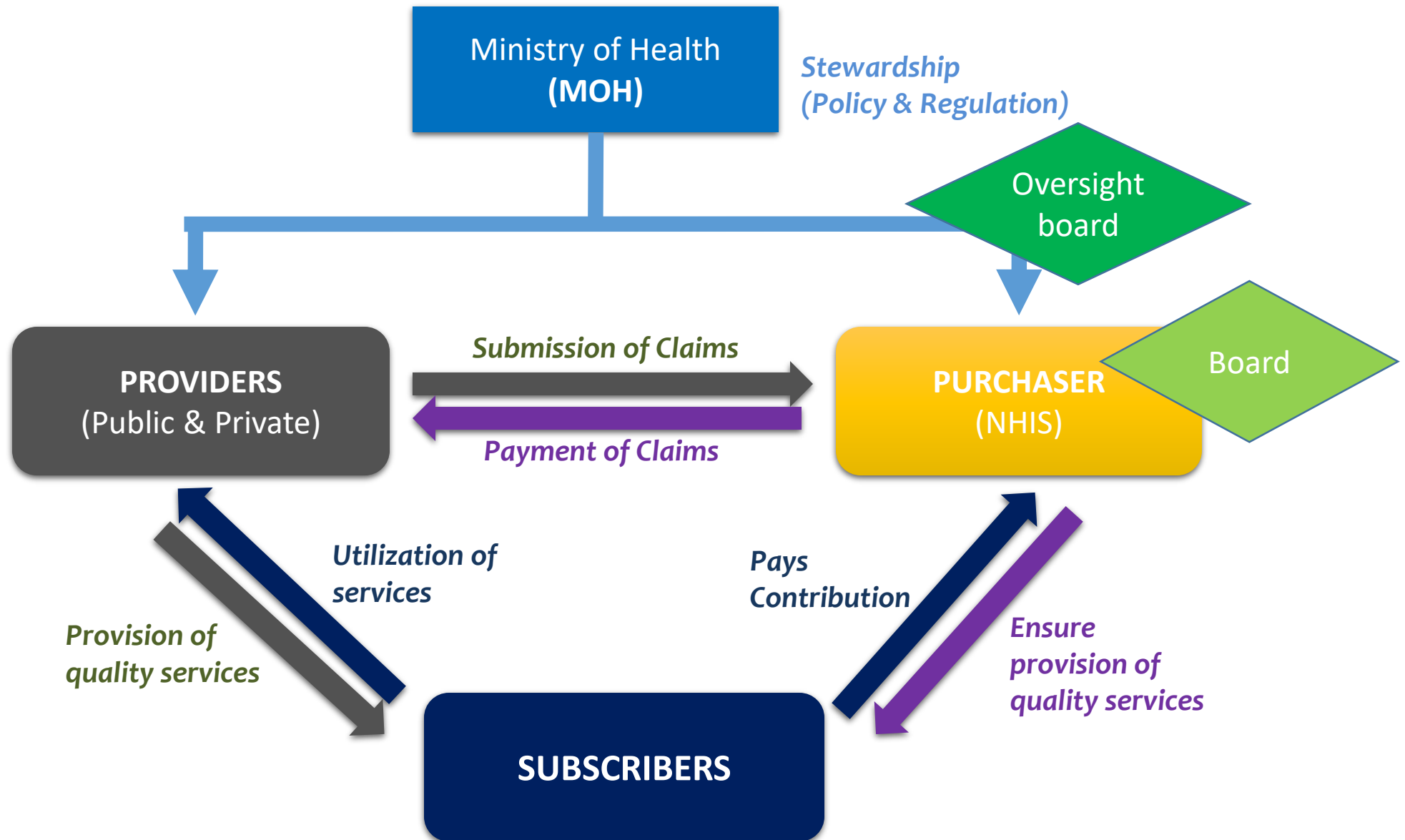


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# Key Players in NHI Architecture



## Type of health purchasing market:

- In Ghana a Single national purchaser pools most funds
- However, Out-of-pocket payment still plays a large role since NHIS coverage is still less than 40%

# Governance arrangements for the NHIA

Clear mandate and objectives to act as a strategic purchaser

Sufficient autonomy and authority for the purchaser to act strategically to meet objectives, commensurate with capacity

- NHIA has sufficient autonomy and authority to act strategically
  - Though NHIS is the major purchaser of medicines in the country, it plays no role in the procurement of these medicines into the country.
  - This prevents the NHIA from utilizing its purchasing power leverage to negotiate for lower prices of medicines.

Effective oversight

- The NHIA has a Board and a Board Oversight Committee prescribed by law (Act 852) - Broad representation from all relevant stakeholders to ensure accountability and responsibility to stakeholders

# Governance arrangements for the NHIA (2)

## Inclusive and meaningful stakeholder participation

- NHIA is an Authority that reports to MOH through a Board whose members are appointed by the President and with some institutional representations:
  - Ministry of Health;
  - Ministry of Finance;
  - Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection;
  - Ghana Health Service;
  - National Insurance Commission;
  - Social Security and National Insurance Trust;
  - Medical & Dental Profession;
  - Pharmacy profession;
  - Legal Professionals;
  - 2 Health professionals;
  - organized labour;
  - CEO;
  - 2 persons representing members (one of whom is a woman)

## Sufficient autonomy and authority for the purchaser to act strategically to meet objectives, commensurate with capacity

- NHIA has Day-to-day Autonomy.
- Section 13 of Act 852 states that
  - “The Minister may give the Authority directives of a general nature on matters of policy and the Authority shall comply with the directives.”

# Governance arrangements for the NHIA (3)

Selection of head of purchasing agency based on appropriate skills and performance incentives to guide operations

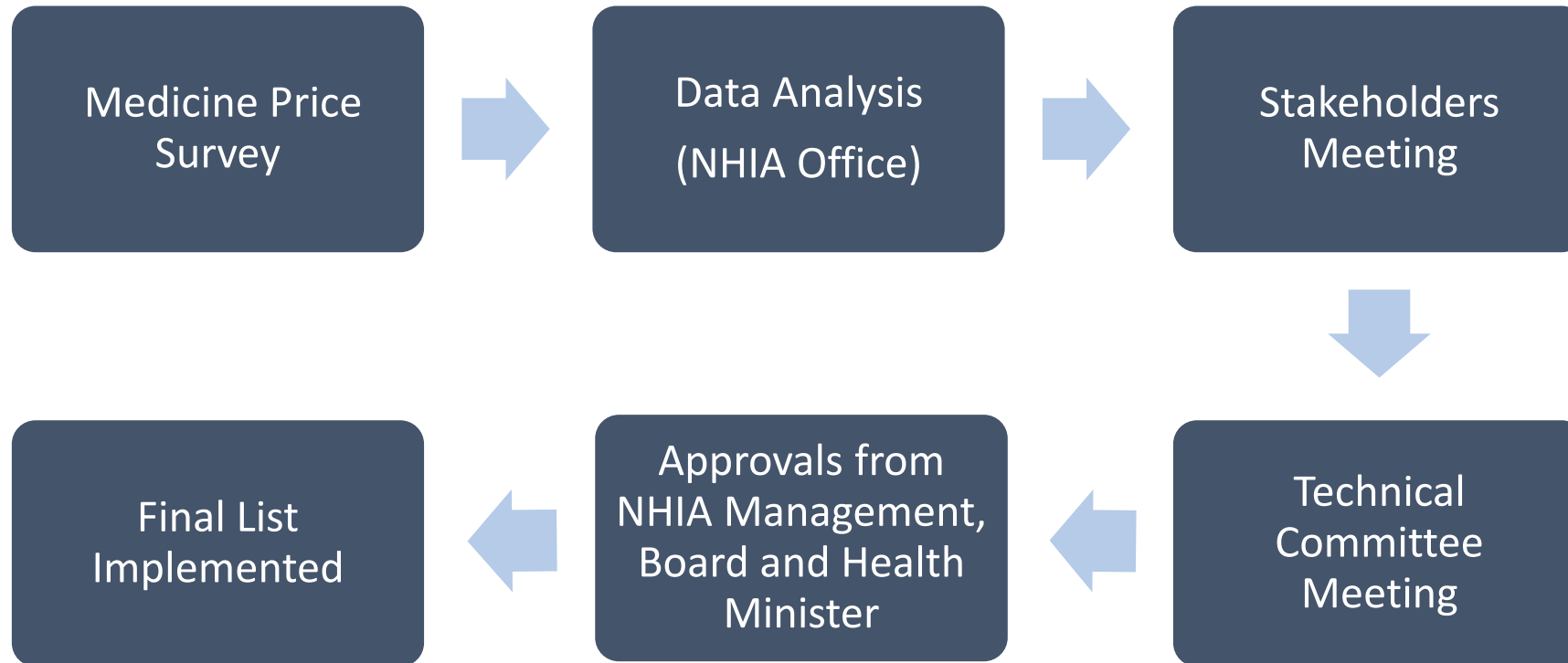
- As per Act 852 section 14(1)
  - “The President shall in accordance with article 195 of the constitution appoint as the Chief Executive for the National Health Insurance Authority a person who possesses the relevant professional competence and experience.”

# Decision making rules and stakeholder involvement

Clear and consistent decision-making rules related to purchasing between governance actors and purchasing agency

Inclusive and meaningful stakeholder participation, incl. technical expertise

## Example 1: PERIODIC MEDICINES LIST REVIEW PROCESS

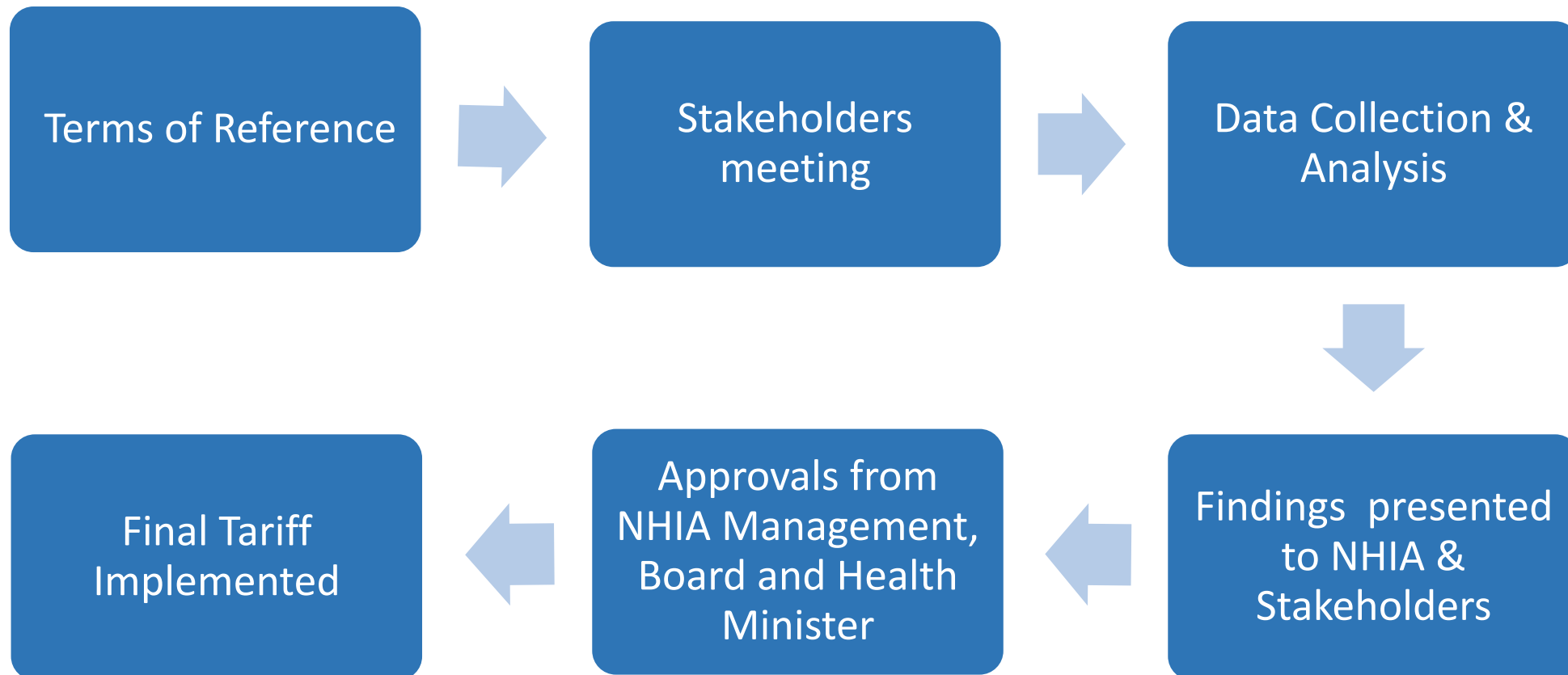




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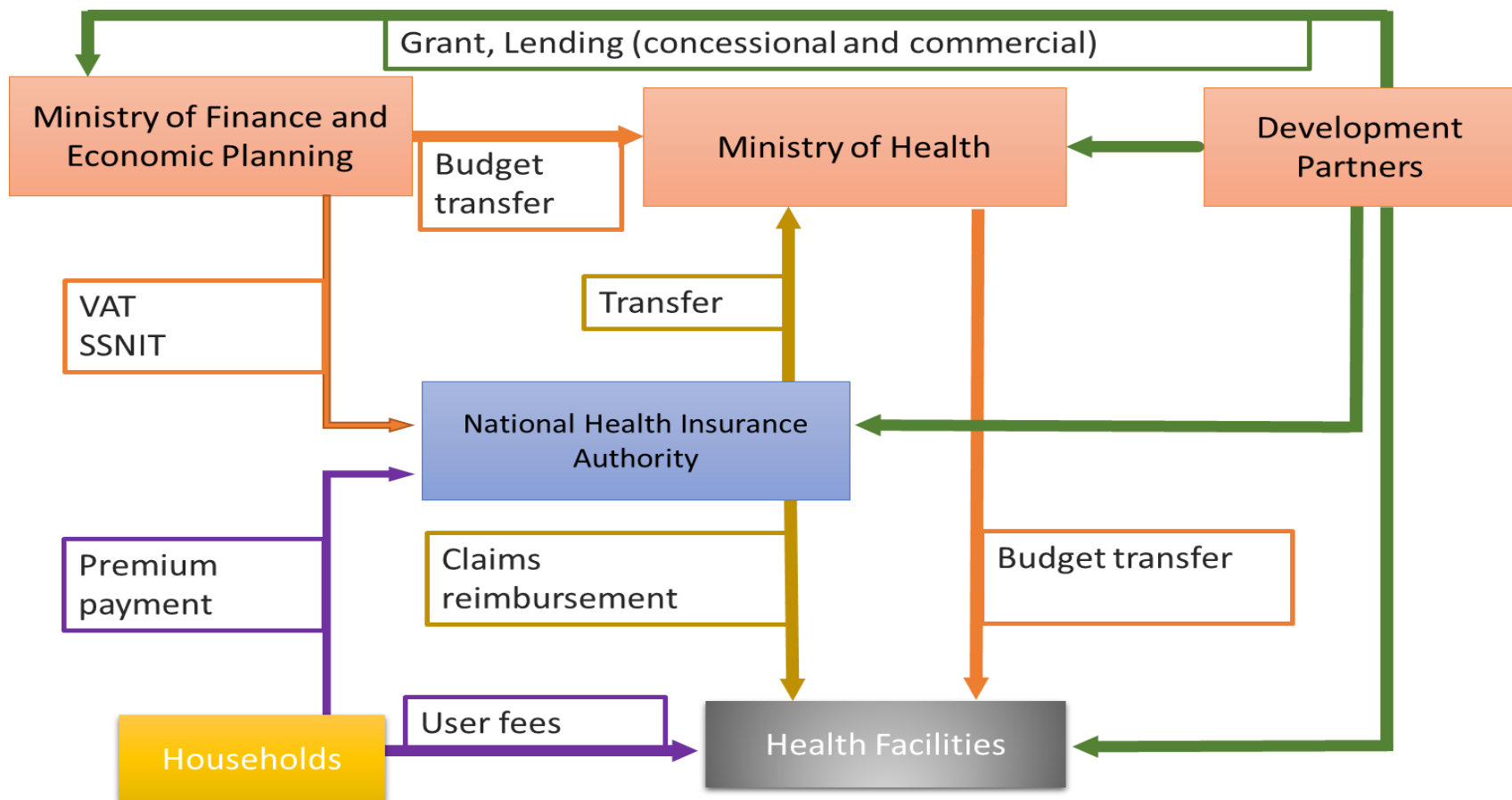
## Example 2: SERVICE TARIFF REVIEW PROCESS







# Ghana Health Financing Landscape





# NHIS Risk Pooling and allocation architecture

