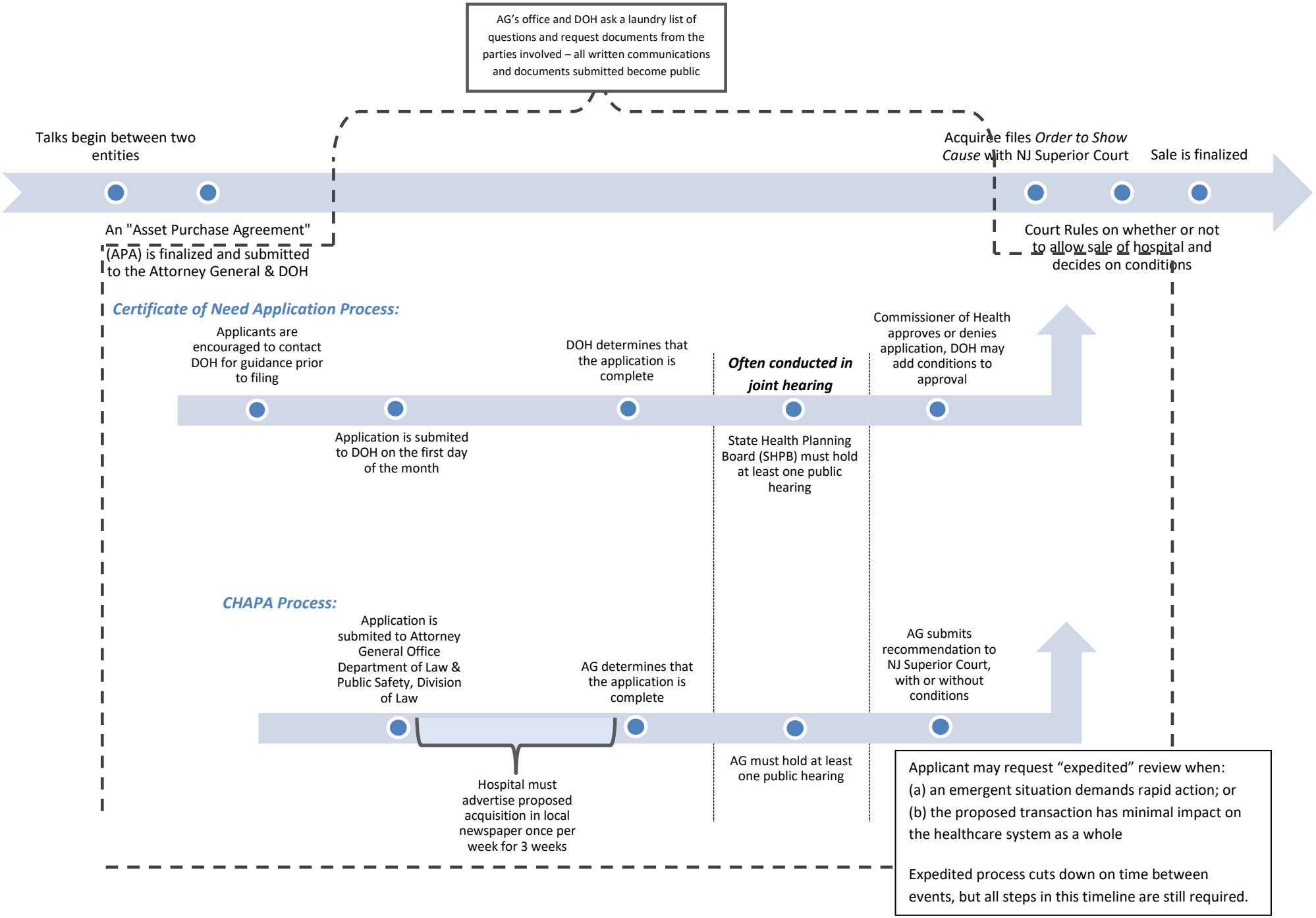
AG's office and DOH ask a laundry list of questions and request documents from the parties involved – all written communications and documents submitted become public
Talks begin between two entities
Acquiree files *Order to Show Cause* with NJ Superior Court
Sale is finalized
An "Asset Purchase Agreement" (APA) is finalized and submitted to the Attorney General & DOH
Court Rules on whether or not to allow sale of hospital and decides on conditions
Certificate of Need Application Process:
Applicants are encouraged to contact DOH for guidance prior to filing
Application is submited to DOH on the first day of the month
DOH determines that the application is complete
Often conducted in joint hearing
State Health Planning Board (SHPB) must hold at least one public hearing
Commissioner of Health approves or denies application, DOH may add conditions to approval
CHAPA Process:
Application is submited to Attorney General Office Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Law
Hospital must advertise proposed acquisition in local newspaper once per week for 3 weeks
AG determines that the application is complete
AG must hold at least one public hearing
AG submits recommendation to NJ Superior Court, with or without conditions
Applicant may request "expedited" review when:
(a) an emergent situation demands rapid action; or
(b) the proposed transaction has minimal impact on the healthcare system as a whole
Expedited process cuts down on time between events, but all steps in this timeline are still required.