Make the Most of Each Medical Visit... and the Time Between Visits

Every medical visit gives you a chance to talk with your medical provider about getting healthy, staying healthy, and keeping others safe.

Maybe something in your life changed since your last visit...

... A new job is making it hard to stick to your medicines schedule

... You recently moved and are having trouble getting to medical appointments

... You're dating someone new, but haven't talked to them about STDs or HIV yet

... You are thinking about having kids and want some advice

... healthy ways to deal with depression and anxiety

... getting help with alcohol or drug use.

These are all examples of topics you can talk about with your medical provider. Together, you can **set** a **goal** – something you want to work on or change between now and your next medical visit to help you overcome challenges like these.

> We believe you can achieve your goal and protect your health.

Maybe you have healthy living and healthy relationships...

questions about

... options for safer sex

... how to reduce side effects from medicines

Write your goal and the steps you'll take to reach that goal on this Action Plan.

At your next medical visit, talk to your medical provider about progress you've made and ask for support if you've had any roadblocks to success.

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Issue we discussed:

Solution I agreed to try: _____

Date of next appointment: _____

Remember... change is an ongoing process.

Understand that you may make mistakes along the way. Don't be afraid to ask for help from friends and family.

