

## Sample Missed Appointment Protocol

| Timeline  | Action To Be Taken   |
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| Immediately after a missed appointment                        | <ul> <li>The staff member (typically the Patient Navigator) must notify the supervisor (the Care Coordinator).</li> <li>The Patient Navigator or Care Coordinator should document the missed appointment on the Referrals/Appointments Tracking Log/Checklist.</li> <li>The Patient Navigator begins to make daily telephone calls to the client for three days.</li> </ul>  |
| After three days of multiple failed outreaches via phone      | <ul> <li>The Patient Navigator should continue to call the client daily for three days, and call any contacts the client provided on the Logistics for Patient Navigation/Contact Form during his or her intake.</li> <li>The Patient Navigator should conduct a visit to the client's home.</li> <li>The Patient Navigator does not need to wait three days to start field outreach.</li> <li>The Patient Navigator should continue to conduct weekly field visits to the client's home until the client is located.</li> </ul>   |
| After two weeks of failed outreach via phone and field visits | <ul> <li>The Patient Navigator should continue to call and conduct field visits to the client's home, if necessary.</li> <li>The Care Coordinator or Patient Navigator should write a letter to the client that includes: <ul> <li>Expression of concern about the client's well-being</li> <li>Ways to contact your agency's STEPS staff and program</li> <li>**The letter should not include any of the client's HIV-related information</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Patient Navigator or Care Coordinator should conduct Internet-based searches for potential client changes, such as a change of address (e.g., intelius.com, 411.com, or zabasearch.com), prolonged incarceration (e.g., vinelink.com), or death (e.g., vitalrec.com).</li> </ul> |



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| After continued failed outreach of two sequential months | <ul> <li>The Care Coordinator or Patient Navigator should write a second letter detailing the client's case may be closed.</li> <li>The agency should consider the client lost to care and begin to conduct outreach for re-engagement, as detailed in the agency's outreach protocol.</li> </ul> |