

# Seek, Test, Treat and Retain for Vulnerable Populations: Data Harmonization Measure

## BARRIERS TO CARE/TREATMENT

### Kalichman's Barriers to Medical Care

#### Reference:

- 1) Kalichman, S. C., Catz, S., and Ramachandran, B. (1999). Barriers to HIV/AIDS treatment and adherence among African-American adults with disadvantaged education. *Journal of the National Medical Association, 91*, 439-446.

## Barriers to Medical Care (Kalichman et al., 1999)

People can have many different types of problems getting their medical care. Think of the reasons why you **may not have gotten** the medical care you needed or that was recommended for you. Please indicate “Agree” or “Disagree” for all of the following reasons for why you **may not have gotten needed medical care in the past month**.

### In the past month....

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| a) I was unable to pay for medical care                         | Agree | Disagree |
| b) I was not sure where to go to get medical care               | Agree | Disagree |
| c) I did not have transportation to medical care                | Agree | Disagree |
| d) The clinic’s hours of operation were inconvenient for me     | Agree | Disagree |
| e) I was treated poorly at a clinic in the past                 | Agree | Disagree |
| f) I did not want to be seen at a clinic                        | Agree | Disagree |
| g) I do not trust doctors                                       | Agree | Disagree |
| h) I don’t really care about taking care of myself at this time | Agree | Disagree |
| i) I did not have child care                                    | Agree | Disagree |
| j) I was too drunk or high                                      | Agree | Disagree |

Notes on scoring these items - This is not a scale per se but a collection of items on barriers to care. Based on the work of Kalichman, we recommend examining the ten barriers individually and/or computing a sum of the “Yes” responses to indicate higher or lower numbers of barriers.