

Birth control appointment scheduling guidelines

Our health center is an ICAN! Quality Hub working to offer same-day access to all FDA-approved birth control methods without financial barriers to our patients.

Our commitment:



Timely:

All patients (new and existing) should be offered an appointment within 2 weeks for birth control and 48 hours for emergency contraception (EC).



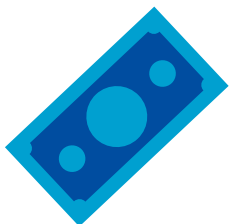
Flexible:

Patients can be scheduled with a first available primary care provider*. Virtual visits can be offered to patients who want hormonal birth control (pill, patch, ring) or the EC pill.



Confidential:

Anyone 12+ can schedule a birth control, EC, or STI appointment on their own, without a parent or guardian.



Affordable:

Patients should be told they will never be turned away due to ability to pay. If they have Medicaid, their birth control is free. If they make <\$3,500/mo as an individual, they **may qualify for free birth control.**



Connecting to care:

ICAN! connects patients to contraceptive care through their Birth Control Provider Finder and through community partners making referrals to our health center.

Patients will receive automated reminders from ICAN! to call to schedule their birth control appointment and may say they were referred from ICAN! or are looking for an ICAN! appointment. They should be scheduled the same way as any other birth control appointment.

*Be sure to identify providers with procedural skills (IUD and Implant) or who can do a consult for permanent methods (tubal, vasectomy).

Learn more and take our [Modern Contraception & Reproductive Justice training](#).