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Brief Negotiated Interview (BNI) Algorithm

| 1. Raise the subject | Is it OK if we discuss the health & wellness questionnaire you completed? |
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| 2. Pros & Cons Elicit Summarize | Help me understand the good things about using [X]. What are some of the negatives? So, on the one hand [PROS], and on the other hand [CONS]. |
| 3. Information & feedback Provide Elicit | I have some information on low-risk guidelines for drinking and drug use, would you mind if I shared them with you? We know that • drinking 4 or more (Women) / 5 or more (Men) drinks in a few hours, • drinking more than 7 (Women) / 14 (Men) drinks in a week, and/or • using illicit drugs of any kind can put you at risk for social or legal problems, as well as illness and injury. It can also cause health problems like [insert medical information]. What do you think about that? |
| 4. Readiness ruler | On a scale from 1–10, with 1 being not ready at all and 10 being completely ready, how ready are you to change your [X] use? |
| Reinforce positives Ask about lower number | You marked That means you're% ready to make a change! Why did you choose that number and not a lower one like a 1 or 2? |
| 5. Negotiate a plan | What are some steps you can take to reduce your risk? |
| | What will help you to reduce the things you don't like about using [X]? |
| ldentify strengths & supports | |
| | What will help you to reduce the things you don't like about using [X]? What supports do you have for making this change? |
| & supports Have patient | What will help you to reduce the things you don't like about using [X]? What supports do you have for making this change? How can you use those supports/resources to help you now? Why don't we write down your Prescription for Change? |

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1 = Not ready at all

10 = Ready right now

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