# What are You Experiencing?

### Go to an emergency room or urgent care facility right away for: Fever above 101°F. Difficulty breathing. Chest pain. Abdominal (belly) swelling. Severe headache. Sudden weakness or loss of feeling and movement. Seizure. Painful erection of the penis that lasts more than 4 hours. Call a healthcare provider right away for: Pain anywhere in the body that will not go away with treatment at home.



Any sudden problem with vision.

## Sickle Cell Pain Crisis

#### Always have a Pain Plan

Step #1 Do not Panic

Step #2 What is you Pain Level?

- □ Mild
- Moderate
- □ Severe

#### Step #3 Check Temperature

Fever >101 °F call your healthcare provider for further instructions

#### Step #4 Take medication if needed

Drink plenty of water

Apply warm compress to the area affected

Take a warm shower or bath

Step #5 Reassess the pain in 30 minutes

Pain improved continue to follow your plan

#### Step #6 If no improvement:

Call your healthcare provider or the Sickle Cell Specialty Center for further instructions.

