## Horizon Family Medical Group Self-Management for COPD

## **GREEN ZONE = ALL CLEAR GREEN ZONE MEANS:** No cough, wheeze, chest tightness, or shortness of Your symptoms are under control breath during the day or night Continue taking your medications as ordered No decrease in your ability to maintain normal activity Follow low salt diet Keep all physician appointments YELLOW ZONE = CAUTION YELLOW ZONE MEANS: Add "Quick Relief Medicine" Sputum (phlegm) that increases in amount or color or Your symptoms may indicate that you need an adjustment becomes thicker than usual Increased cough or wheezing even after you take your in your medication medication and it has time to work Call your home health nurse or physician Increased swelling of ankles or feet Increased shortness of breath with activity Weight loss or gain of 3 lbs. Fever of 100.5°F oral or 99.5°F under your arm Increased number of pillows needed to sleep or need to sleep in chair Anything else unusual that bothers you Agency Name: Call your home health nurse and/or physician if you are in the vellow zone. Agency Phone Number: **RED ZONE MEANS RED ZONE - "MEDICAL ALERT"** This indicates that you need to be evaluated by a physician right Unrelieved shortness of breath Wheezing or chest tightness Primary MD Increased or irregular heart beat Change in color of your skin, nail beds, or lips to gray or Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_ blue Mental changes Agency Name: Chest pain or pain that worses when you breathe or Agency Phone Number: CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN AND/OR HOME HEALTH NURSE IF

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