# **Daily Weight & Zone Calendar**

• Record your weight on this calendar every morning after you urinate and before you have breakfast.

| MONTH: • Place a check in the box that represents the color of your zone that d | day. |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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Please bring this calendar with you whenever you have an office visit.

# Congestive Heart Failure Zones

Help yourself feel better and stay out of the hospital by assessing what zone you are in: Green, Yellow or Red.

#### **EVERY DAY:**

- Weigh yourself the morning before breakfast and write it down
- Take your medicine
- Check for swelling in your feet, ankles, legs and stomach
- Eat low-salt food
- Balance activity and rest periods
- Determine which zone you are in: Green, Yellow or Red



#### **GREEN ZONE:**

## You are in the green zone if you have:

- No shortness of breath
- No swelling
- No weight gain
- · No chest pain
- No decrease in your ability to maintain your activity level

#### **Action:**

- Continue taking your medication as ordered
- Continue daily weights
- Follow low salt diet
- Keep all provider appointments

#### **YELLOW ZONE:**

## You are in the yellow zone if you have:

- Weight gain of 3 or more pounds in 3 days
- Increased cough
- Increased swelling
- Increase in shortness of breath with activity
- Increase in number of pillows needed
- Anything else unusual that bothers you

#### **Action:**

- Call your provider if you are going into the yellow zone; you may need an adjustment of your medications.
- Contact information for physician, nurse coordinator or home health nurse:

| NAME:         |  |
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| NUMBER:       |  |
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| INSTRUCTIONS: |  |
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#### **RED ZONE:**

# You are in the red zone if you have:

- Unrelieved shortness of breath: shortness of breath at rest
- Unrelieved chest pain
- Wheezing or chest tightness at rest
- Need to sit in chair to sleep
- Weight gain or weight loss of more than 5 pounds in 2 days
- Confusion

#### **Action:**

- Call your provider IMMEDIATELY; you need to be evaluated by a physician right away.
- · Contact information for physician:

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