Every Day:
- Taking medicine the way they are ordered
- Any swelling in feet, ankles or legs
- Eating low-salt/low-sodium foods
- Balancing activity and rest
- Avoiding smoking and secondhand smoke

All Clear Zone

This is the safety zone if you have:
- No shortness of breath
- No weight gain more than 2 pounds (it may change 1 or 2 pounds some days.)
- No swelling of your feet, ankles, legs or stomach
- No chest pain

Warning Zone

Call your doctor if you have:
- Sputum (phlegm) that increases in amount or color or becomes thicker than usual
- Increased cough or wheezing
- 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 the arm
- Increased number of pillows needed to sleep or need to sleep in chair
- Anything else unusual that you assess or the resident mentions
- Symptoms may indicate that an adjustment in medication or oxygen therapy is needed

Medical Alert Zone

Go to the Emergency Room or call 911 if you have:
- Unrelieved shortness of breath
- Unrelieved chest pain
- Increased or irregular heart beat
- Change in color of your skin, nail beds, or lips to gray or blue

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