

# **High Blood Pressure Zone Tool**

#### **GREEN ZONE**

# **ALL CLEAR (GOAL)**

- High blood pressure usually does
  NOT have any symptoms
- No headaches, nose bleeds
- Blood pressure is within goal of:
- \_\_\_\_\_ systolic (top number)
- diastolic (bottom number)

#### **Doing Great!**

• Your symptoms are under control

#### Actions:

- Take medicines as ordered
- Check blood pressure, if able
- Keep all doctor appointments
- Keep weight under control
- Exercise
- Follow health eating habits.
- Keep exercising

# **YELLOW ZONE**

## **CAUTION (WARNING)** If you have <u>any</u> of the following:

- Repeated blood pressures outside of your normal range
- Ringing in the ears

## Act Today!

• You may need your medicines changed

#### Actions:

 Stop vigorous exercise Call your home health nurse

(agency's phone number)

• Or call your doctor

(doctor's phone number)



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# **RED ZONE**

#### EMERGENCY

- Severe headache or nosebleed
- · Lightheadedness or heart racing
- Severe anxiety
- Severe trouble breathing
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

#### You need to be seen right away

#### Actions:

Call your doctor
 Doctor

(Phone Number)

• Or call 911





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