MaineHealth COPD Program

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Name	Severity	Latest FEV ₁ :	Date
Medications	Name of Medicine	How much to take	When to take it
Rescue Inhaler			
Controller			
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Inhaled Steroid			
Nebulizer			

I AM HAVING A GOOD DAY

- Breathe easily doing usual activities
- Mucus is clear/white, easy to cough up, small amount
- Able to think clearly
- Can do usual activities without tiring

ACTION TO CONTINUE

Date

- 1. Continue with your usual activities including exercise
- 2. Take medicines as ordered by your doctor

I AM HAVING A BAD DAY

- More shortness of breath, wheezing or coughing than usual
- Mucus is thicker or stickier than usual
- If by early afternoon mucus is still green, yellow or brown
- Blood in mucus
- Fever develops and is above 100.4
- Gained or lost weight for no reason; swelling in feet or ankles
- Tired and not able to finish usual activities without resting
- Trouble sleeping, sleeping with extra pillows

ACTION TO TAKE

- 1. Take nebulizer treatment or rescue inhaler
- 2. Use pursed lip breathing and relaxation exercises
- 3. Pace yourself and limit activities
- 1. Drink more water if no fluid limits. Avoid coffee, tea or soda
- 2. Use flutter (Acapella) valve if you have one
- 3. Start antibiotics and prednisone if ordered by your doctor
- 4. Call your doctor/respiratory nurse and inform them about changes in how you feel

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Call family member, if available.

I AM HAVING A VERY BAD DAY

- Breathing does not improve with rescue inhaler
- Chest pain
- Feel like you are going to faint
- Frightened by not being able to breathe
- Frightened by how tired or sleepy you are
- Confused or restless



ACTION TO TAKE

1. Call a family member NOW Phone #:

2. Call 911 if unable to talk to doctor or nurse right away OR go to nearest emergency room.

Provider Signature	Print Name	Date
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Patient Signature		Date