



**2021 Utilization Management  
Addendum to the Radiology/Cardiology Guidelines  
Effective 3/22/2021**

The following information reflects the criteria that will be used for prior authorization review, as well as claims payment review, effective 3/22/2021. This criteria is also incorporated into the V2.0.2021 Radiology/Cardiology Imaging Guidelines, and those guidelines will take place of this addendum as they become effective.

CPT	Policy/Criteria				
CPT® 71271	<p><b><u>CH-33.1: U.S. Preventative Services Task Force: Lung Cancer Screening (Commercial and Medicaid)</u></b></p> <p>➤ Low-dose CT Chest (CPT® 71271) may be approved for lung cancer screening annually if all of the following criteria are met:</p>				
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