



**2022 Utilization Management
Addendum to the Radiology/Cardiology Guidelines
Effective 5/3/2022**

The following information reflects the criteria that will be used for prior authorization review, as well as claims payment review, effective 5/3/2022. This criteria is also incorporated into the V3.0.2022 Radiology/Cardiology Imaging Guidelines, and those guidelines will take place of this addendum as they become effective

CPT	Policy/Criteria			
CPT® 71271	National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) (210.14) (Medicare)			
	➤ Low-dose CT Chest (CPT® 71271) may be approved for lung cancer screening annually if all of the following criteria are met:			
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NCD 210.14

* Individuals that present with the following symptoms are not eligible for screening, rather, they should be considered symptomatic for lung cancer: unexplained cough, hemoptysis, or unexplained weight loss of more than 15 pounds in the past year.