

## **Cardiology Checklist For Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BCNEPA)**

Please be prepared to provide the following information when requesting prior authorization for a cardiology imaging test:

1. Member height, weight and BMI
2. Family history of heart problems
  - Relationship to member
  - Age at diagnosis
  - Event-MI (myocardial infarction), CABG (coronary artery bypass graft), stent, other
3. Medical history
  - Diabetes
  - Hypertension
  - Stroke
  - Arrhythmia
  - Other
4. Cardiac risk factors
5. Previous cardiac surgery
  - CABG (coronary artery bypass graft ), PTCA (percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty), stent
  - Heart valve surgery
  - Other
6. Physical examination results related to cardiac conditions
7. Medications
8. ECG results
9. Pacemaker—if “yes,” paced rhythm?
10. Previous cardiac testing and findings
  - Exercise stress test
  - Echo—transthoracic or transesophageal
  - Stress echo
  - Stress MPI
  - Coronary angiography and left ventriculogram
11. Problems with exercise capacity?
  - Orthopedic, pulmonary or peripheral vascular disease
  - Distance, heart rate

To initiate an authorization request,  
visit [www.navinet.net](http://www.navinet.net) or call:

FPH HMO/CHIP	1.800.962.5353
FPLIC Traditional	1.800.638.0505
FPLIC PPO	1.866.262.5623
FPLIC EPO	1.888.345.2360

The NIA radiology benefit management program for BCNEPA does **not** apply to FPH and FPLIC self-funded employer groups or individual products. It does apply to CHIP members. Providers will continue to follow the prior authorization process for radiology services for members of FPH and FPLIC self-funded groups, as well as members of FPLIC individual products, currently in place through BCNEPA.

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