

Cardiac Checklist for Louisiana Healthcare Connections

Please be prepared to provide the **applicable information** from the following list when requesting prior authorization for a cardiac procedure managed by NIA:

1. **Medical chart notes** – all notes from patient chart related to the requested procedure, including patient’s current cardiac status/symptoms, cardiac factors and indications.
2. **Relevant patient information**, including:
 - a. **Patient age, height, weight, and BMI.**
 - b. **Family history of heart problems** (including relationship to member, age at diagnosis, type of event, etc.).
 - c. **Medical history** (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, stroke, arrhythmia, etc.).
 - d. **Cardiac risk factors.**
 - e. **Previous cardiac treatments, surgeries or interventions** (medications, CABG, PTCA, stent, heart valve surgery, pacemaker/defibrillator insertion, surgery for congenital heart disease, etc.).
 - f. **Problems with exercise capacity** (orthopedic, pulmonary, or peripheral vascular disease; distance, heart rate).
3. **Diagnostic or imaging reports from previous tests** (exercise stress test, echocardiography, stress echo, MPI, coronary angiography, etc.).
4. **Symptom history** (onset, course, new or changing symptoms) related to all pertinent cardiac conditions, such as heart muscle/valvular disease, structural abnormality, infection, exposure to toxins/chemotherapy, etc.
5. **Examination results**, including evaluation of hypertension, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, abnormal rhythm, pulmonary embolus, congenital condition, etc.
6. **Any other documentation that supports the need for the procedure.**

*The prior authorization of cardiac imaging procedures applies only to adult members 21 and older.

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