

# Cardiac Prior Authorization Checklist for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania



Please be prepared to provide the following information when requesting prior authorization for a cardiology imaging test via [www.RadMD.com](http://www.RadMD.com) or by calling National Imaging Associates (NIA) at **1-800-424-5657**.

- 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.**
- 7. For pediatric patients**, provide all pertinent clinical information supporting the relevant condition, such as:
  - a. Congenital heart disease**, such as cyanosis, failure to thrive, syncope, chest pain, abnormal murmurs, etc.; include documentation related to any prior surgery for congenital heart disease.
  - b. Acquired heart disease**, such as Kawasaki disease, endocarditis, pericarditis, HIV carditis, exposure to cardio toxic drugs, newly acquired hypertension, etc.
  - c. Non-cardiac diseases**, such as pulmonary hypertension, in-dwelling catheters, sepsis, thromboembolic events, etc.
  - d. Arrhythmias**, with possibly underlying structural heart disease.