**Effective Date: 12/10/2021** 



## NHS MEDICAL POLICY

## Procedures 2021-001 Cardiac PET Scans

A. May be indicated for members with known or suspected coronary artery disease when ONE of the following are present:

Exercise Treadmill or SPECT scan is equivocal, technically uninterpretable, or discordant with a member's clinical data

In member with conditions that might cause attenuation problems with SPECT such as a BMI >35, large breasts, breast implants, mastectomy, chest wall deformity, pleural or pericardial effusion

For use of assessment of coronary artery disease after cardiac transplant

For assessment of myocardial viability prior to re-vascularization

To identify and monitor response to therapy known or suspected cardiac sarcoid

## **SOURCES**

Aetna Clinical Policy Bulletins/ Medical Clinical Policy Bulletins Number: 0071 Last Review 8/31/2021

Blue Cross Medical Policy 6.01.20 Cardiac Applications of Positron Emissions Tomography Scanning Effective

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**CODE REFERENCE** (This may not be a comprehensive list of codes to apply to this policy.)

78459; 78491; 78492

## POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

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