

# CARDIOLOGY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

Echocardiogram (CPT 93306):

- APPROVED if:
  - \* Patient age >50 with hypertension (ICD I10)
  - \* Previous cardiac procedures documented
  - \* Abnormal EKG findings
  - \* Heart failure symptoms present
- DENIED if:
  - \* Routine screening without symptoms
  - \* Patient age <35 with no cardiac history
  - \* Recent normal echo within 6 months

Cardiac Catheterization (CPT 93458):

- APPROVED if:
  - \* Abnormal stress test results
  - \* Chest pain with risk factors
  - \* Prior MI or stent placement
  - \* Acute coronary syndrome
- DENIED if:
  - \* No documented cardiac symptoms
  - \* Recent normal cardiac imaging
  - \* Low-risk patient profile