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**Medical Policy: 04-70540-13: Magnetic Resonance Imaging Cardiac; last review April 2018; revised May 15, 2018**

**INDICATIONS FOR CARDIAC (HEART) MRI:**

Where stress echocardiography (SE) is noted as an appropriate substitute according to the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) Appropriateness Criteria for cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for* indications (2, 3, 4, 12, and 13) AND at least one of the following contraindications to SE must be documented in the member’s medical record:

Stress echocardiography is not indicated; OR

Stress echocardiography has been performed, however findings were inadequate; there were technical difficulties with interpretation, or results were discordant with previous clinical data

OR

Cardiac MRI is the preferred diagnostic imaging to stress echocardiography for the following, including, but not limited to following conditions:

Ventricular paced rhythm
| Evidence of ventricular tachycardia |
| Severe aortic valve dysfunction |
| Severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, (COPD) as defined as FEV1 < 30% predicted or FEV1 < 50% predicted plus respiratory failure or clinical signs of right heart failure. (GOLD classification of COPD) |
| Congestive heart failure (CHF) with current ejection fraction (EF), 40% |
| Inability to get an echocardiography window for imaging |
| Prior thoracotomy, CABG, other surgery |
| Obesity BMI>40 |
| Poorly controlled hypertension (generally above 180 mm Hg systolic (both physical stress and dobutamine stress may exacerbate hypertension during stress echocardiography)) |
| Poorly controlled atrial fibrillation (resting heart rate > 100 bpm on medication) |
| Inability to exercise requiring pharmacological stress test |
| Segmental wall motion abnormalities at rest (e.g., due to cardiomyopathy, recent MI, or pulmonary hypertension) |
| OR |
| Arrhythmias with stress echocardiography- any member on a type 1C anti-arrhythmic drug (e.g., Flecainide or Propafenone) or considered for treatment with a type 1C anti-arrhythmic drug. |

**Georgia 5/18**

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https://hmsa.com/portal/provider/MM.05.007_Radiology_Guidelines_for_Advanced_Imaging_Studies_121517.pdf

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1. Congenital heart disease  
   - Assessment of shunt size  
   - Situs anomalies with complex congenital heart disease  
   - Anomalous pulmonary venous return, especially in complex anomalies and cor triatriatum  
   - Anomalous systemic venous return  
   - Systemic or pulmonary venous obstruction  
   - Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD) associated with complex anomalies  
   - Supracristal VSD  
   - Evaluation of right and left ventricular volumes, mass and function  
   - Pulmonary regurgitation  
   - Supravalvular aortic stenosis  
   - Post-operative follow-up of shunts  
   - Aortic (sinus Valsalva) aneurysm  
   - Aortic coarctation  
   - Vascular rings  
   - Aortopulmonary window  
   - Anomalous origin of coronary arteries  
   - Pulmonary atresia  
   - Central pulmonary stenosis  
   - Systemic to pulmonary collaterals

2. Acquired diseases of the vessels  
   - Diagnosis and follow-up of thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysm including Marfan disease  
   - Diagnosis and follow-up of chronic aortic dissection  
   - Diagnosis of aortic intramural hemorrhage  
   - Diagnosis of penetrating ulcers of the aorta  
   - Pulmonary artery anatomy and flow  
   - Assessment of thoracic, abdominal and pelvic veins  
   - Assessment of renal arteries  
   - Assessment of iliac, femoral and lower leg arteries  
   - Assessment of thoracic great vessel origins  
   - Assessment of cervical carotid arteries  
   - Assessment of pulmonary veins including one in association with an electrophysiology ablation for atrial fibrillation

3. Coronary artery disease  
   - Assessment of global ventricular (left and right) function and mass  
   - Coronary anomalies  
   - Acute and chronic myocardial infarction - detection and assessment; myocardial viability
4. Pericardial disease, cardiac tumors, cardiomyopathies and cardiac transplants
   a. Detection and characterization of cardiac and pericardiac tumors
   b. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
   c. Dilated cardiomyopathy - differentiation from dysfunction related to coronary artery disease
   d. Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (dysplasia)
   e. Siderotic cardiomyopathy (in particular thalassemia)
   f. Restrictive cardiomyopathy

5. Valvular heart disease
   a. Cardiac chamber anatomy and function
   b. Quantification of regurgitation or stenosis

B. Experimental / investigational indications:
   1. CMR as a screening test
   2. Coronary MRA for screening of coronary artery disease
   3. CMR for indications that are not listed above
   4. Duplication of services such as CT scan, radionuclide studies, ultrasound, and MRI

Kentucky (Anthem)
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**Coronary artery disease**

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Patients with suspected coronary artery disease □ For evaluation of patients with suspected congenital coronary anomalies

**Myocarditis** □ For the evaluation of patients with suspected myocarditis; OR □ For follow-up evaluation LV function of patients with an established diagnosis of myocarditis whose transthoracic echocardiogram is technically suboptimal

**Cardiomyopathy** □ To assess LV function in symptomatic patients with suspected or established cardiomyopathy when there is discordant information from other studies or when other studies are technically suboptimal; OR □ Annual evaluation for suspected cardiomyopathy in clinically stable patients with an established diagnosis of a chronic and progressive disease (excluding CAD) which may result in cardiomyopathy when echocardiography fails to exclude cardiomyopathy. This guideline applies to infiltrative cardiomyopathies (e.g. sarcoidosis; amyloidosis; hemochromatosis), hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM) and non-compaction cardiomyopathy; OR □ Reevaluation of clinically stable patients with cardiomyopathy at yearly intervals when echocardiography is technically suboptimal; OR □ Evaluation of patients with suspected arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia; OR □ For coronary vein mapping in patients with cardiomyopathy for whom cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) is planned

**Cardiac aneurysm or pseudoaneurysm**

**Congenital heart disease** □ For evaluation of suspected congenital anomalies of the coronary arteries; OR □ For evaluation of suspected or established congenital heart disease in patients whose echocardiogram is technically limited or nondiagnostic; OR □ For further evaluation of patients whose echocardiogram suggests a new diagnosis of complex congenital heart disease; OR □ For evaluation of complex congenital heart disease in patients who are less than one year postsurgical correction; OR □ For evaluation of complex congenital heart disease in patients who have new or worsening symptoms and/or a change in physical examination; OR □ To assist in surgical planning for patients with complex congenital heart disease; OR □ For surveillance in asymptomatic patients with complex congenital heart disease in patients who have not had cardiac MRI or cardiac CT within the preceding year

**Valvular heart disease** □ Following inconclusive echocardiography or when echocardiography is not feasible; OR □ When moderate or severe valvular disease diagnosed using other imaging modalities requires further definition and that information is likely to affect subsequent management of the patient □ To assess valvular lesions and measure regurgitant volume, regurgitant fraction, ejection fraction and ventricular volumes □ To help determine the timing for valvular surgery

**Intra-cardiac and para-cardiac masses and tumors** □ In patients with a suspected cardiac or para-cardiac mass (thrombus, tumor, etc.) suggested by transthoracic echocardiography, transesophageal echocardiography, blood pool imaging or contrast ventriculography who have not undergone cardiac
MRI or cardiac CT within the preceding 60 days; OR In patients with established cardiac or para-cardiac mass (thrombus, tumor, etc.) who are clinically unstable; OR In patients with established cardiac or para-cardiac mass (thrombus, tumor, etc.) who are clinically stable and have not undergone cardiac MRI or cardiac CT within the preceding year; OR In patients with established cardiac or para-cardiac mass (thrombus, tumor, etc.) who have undergone treatment (chemotherapy, radiation therapy, thrombolysis, anticoagulation or surgery) within the preceding year and have not had cardiac MRI or cardiac CT within the preceding 60 days

Evaluation of cardiac venous anatomy For localization of the pulmonary veins in patients with chronic or paroxysmal atrial fibrillation/flutter who are being considered for radiofrequency ablation; OR Coronary venous localization prior to implantation of a biventricular pacemaker

Evaluation of pericardial conditions (pericardial effusion, constrictive pericarditis, or congenital pericardial diseases) In patients with suspected pericardial constriction; OR In patients with suspected congenital pericardial disease; OR In patients with suspected pericardial effusion (including hemopericardium) who have undergone echocardiography deemed to be technically suboptimal in evaluation of the effusion; OR In patients whose echocardiogram shows a complex pericardial effusion (loculated, containing solid material)

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https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/MedPol2.nsf; Adult cardiac imaging policy. Last reviewed April 2018

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| Ohio (Anthem) 5/18 | **CG-MED 58: Coronary Artery Imaging: Contrast-Enhanced CT Angiography, Fractional Flow Reserve derived from CT, Coronary MRA, and Cardiac MRI; last review August 3, 2017**

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In pediatric individuals (age less than 18 years), either before or after conventional angiography; or

In adults (age 18 and over) when conventional angiography has been unsuccessful or has provided equivocal results and the results could impact treatment.

Fractional Flow Reserve derived from Computed Tomography (FFRCT) is considered medically necessary for the evaluation of stable chest pain in individuals at intermediate risk of coronary artery disease as an alternative to invasive coronary angiography.

**Not Medically Necessary:**

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Screening for coronary artery disease (CAD), either in asymptomatic individuals or as part of a preoperative evaluation; or
Diagnosis of CAD, in individuals with acute or non-acute symptoms, or after a coronary intervention; or

As a technique to evaluate cardiac function.

Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is considered not medically necessary for the following:

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