

JF CHEST X-RAY POLICY CHECKLIST

This checklist is intended to provide healthcare providers with a reference for use when responding to documentation requests for this service. It is not intended to replace the published guidelines or policy.

Policy References

- [Chest X-Ray Local Coverage Determination Policy \(L37549\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A57498\)](#)

Documentation References

- [JF Documentation Guidelines for Medicare Services](#)
- [JF Radiology Documentation Requirements](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items

Documentation of order or evidence of intent to order

Documentation supporting the diagnosis code(s)

Documentation to support the code(s) and modifier(s) billed

Medical Documentation

Coverage is possible when all of the following are met:

Reason(s) for the chest radiograph(s) must be clearly documented in the clinical chart

Includes signs and symptoms and/or relevant history (including known diagnoses)

Explanation of how the results of the X-ray will be used for the patient's care

Includes number of radiology exam chest views - single, 2, 3, 4, or more views

Supports interpretation and/or report with appropriate modifiers appended to code