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CHEST MRI CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

General consideration: CT is the standard method of imaging the chest.

Chest MRI is a covered benefit is covered when **ONE** of the criteria is met:

Usual Indicators:

- Mediastinal (including thymus) or hilar mass on patient with renal failure or allergy to contrast material; **OR**
- Brachial plexopathy; **OR**
- Aortic arch anomalies; **OR**
- Cardiac mass; **OR**
- Aneurysm or dissection of the thoracic aorta.