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MELANOMA PET SCAN CRITERIA (MEDICARE)

Rarely indicated to establish primary diagnosis.

CMS does not cover a PET scan for evaluation of regional lymph nodes when there is not a suspicion for more extensive disease.

Melanoma PET scan is a covered benefit is covered when **ONE** of the criteria is met:

- Known tumor for staging; **OR**
- Evaluation of residual after treatment; **OR**
- Re-staging.