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To Whom It May Concern:

**Revised Policy Effective: Immediately** 

Policy change in regards to CAT Scans (CT) of the Chest With and/or Without Contrast. This change will affect both interpreting radiologists and performing technologists.

Patients with a current diagnosis, a follow-up diagnosis, or any history of:

- **Pulmonary Nodules**
- Cancer
- Suspected Nodules in the Chest

An Axial MIPS (Maximum Intensity Projection) series should be performed in addition to the standard sequences. MIPS sections should have a 2 mm spacing with a 15 mm thickness.

> The primary clinical application of MIPS is to improve the detection of pulmonary nodules. MIPS also helps characterize the distribution of small nodules.

To continue to provide the utmost care for our patients, please apply these new requirements to your workflow. Feel free to contact me or Medical Imaging Associates staff with any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks in Advance for Your Cooperation,

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