Effective 1/1/2015, New York State Medicaid will cover Low Dose CT for lung cancer screening, following United States Preventive Services Task Force guidelines (http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspslung.htm). The target population includes asymptomatic adults aged 55-80 who have a 30-pack-year smoking history, and currently smoke or have quit smoking within the past 15 years. This screening can be done annually, and should be discontinued when the patient has not smoked for 15 years.

The procedure is represented by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code S8032, and will be subject to prior approval via HealthHelp (the radiology benefit manager, at (888) 209-4122). Please note HealthHelp prior approval and clinical documentation requirements located at https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Radiology/index.aspx).