**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging\_**

**Checklist: Computed Tomography (CT), Cervical Spine**

**(For CPT codes:** **72125, 72126, 72127)**

 If suspected cervical spine fracture, indicate **AT LEASET ONE** of the following:

 Neurologic deficit at/distal to injury and MRI not feasible;

 Possible unstable fracture by x−ray **WITH** Fracture of vertebral body/posterior elements **AND** no subluxation at rest;

 **OR** X−ray nondiagnostic for fracture and Hx of trauma

 Indicate preoperative evaluation of osteomyelitis

 If suspected bone metastasis, indicate **ALL** of the following:

 MRI not feasible;

 Sx/findings **WITH** cervical spine pain by Hx **OR** cervical spine lesion by bone scan/x−ray;

 No neurologic sx/findings;

 Bone scan **WITH** negative/nondiagnostic for bone metastasis **OR** single positive site in cervical spine

 Indicate follow−up single bone metastasis after Rx **WITH ALL** of the following:

 No neurologic sx/findings;

 Initial cervical spine CT positive;

 Chemotherapy/radiation Rx completed