**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