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

**Checklist: Computed Tomography (CT) of Chest-Cardiac**

**(For CPT codes: 71250, 71260, 71270, 71275)**

Describe lung abnormalities by CXR findings;

Describe pneumonia by CXR findings;

Describe cancer by bronchoscopy or sputum cytology findings;

For suspected pulmonary embolus, include Sx/findings and CXR nondiagnostic for etiology of Sx/findings

Describe mediastinal mass by CXR

 Describe Hilar enlargement by CXR

 Describe elevated diaphragm with CXR nondiagnostic for etiology of elevation

 Describe new pleural effusion by CXR

 If Hemoptysis present, including cause; if blood−streaked sputum present and any associated history

 Describe vocal cord paralysis and CXR nondiagnostic for etiology of paralysis

 Describe lung abscess by CXR

 Describe evaluation findings for lung/mediastinal metastases

 Describe known lung/mediastinal tumor

 If suspected interstitial lung disease, Describe history, sx/findings, CXR related outcomes, PFT abnormality

 If esophageal cancer present describe Initial evaluation, New/worsening Sx/findings post resection and Follow−up known nonresectable cancer after Rx

 If suspected thoracic aortic dissection, describe chest pain by Hx and ECG w/o ischemic changes acute CHF with newly discovered AR, chest pain with CNS event, chest pain with pulse deficit, chest pain with > 10 mmHg difference in BP between arms , chest pain with wide mediastinum by CXR

 If suspected thoracic/thoracoabdominal aneurysm, describe Enlarged aorta w/o symptoms and sx/findings

 Describe paracardiac mass By CXR or By TTE

 Describe chest trauma by Wide mediastinum by CXR or CXR equivocal

 Describe Preoperative study for pneumothorax repair

 Indicate if suspected thymoma in patient with myasthenia gravis

 If suspected bronchiectasis describe sx/findings or bronchiectasis by CXR