**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

**Checklist: Computed Tomography (CT) Neck**

**(CPT codes: 70490, 70491, 70492, 76380)**

Indicate submandibular gland mass by PE

Indicate parotid mass by PE

 If suspected head/neck abscess, indicate temperature > 100.4 F (38.0 C; pain at site by Hx; **AND** oral cavity/neck swelling by PE

If head/neck cancer, indicate **AT LEASET ONE** of the following: baseline scan as part of staging; baseline scan positive **WITH EITHER** periodic assessment during chemotherapy/radiation Rx **OR** restaging after chemotherapy/radiation Rx completed; **OR**

new/worsening sx/findings with known head/neck cancer

If neck mass/node, indicate **AT LEASET ONE** of the following: > 1 cm by PE; High suspicion for malignancy by PE indicating nontender **AND** fixed; **OR** suspicion for malignancy by PE indicating unchanged by PE after > 4 wks **OR** larger by PE after > 4 wks

If obstructive thyroid nodule/goiter, indicate respiratory difficulty/dysphagia by Hx **OR** upper airway obstruction by PFTs

If suspected nasopharyngeal tumor, indicate chronic unilateral serous otitis media **WITH** fluid behind TM by PE **AND** duration ≥ 2 wks; recurrent epistaxis **WITH** no visible mucosal bleeding site by PE/nasal endoscopy **AND epistaxis** ≥ 2 episodes by Hx; nasopharyngeal mass/ulceration by PE/nasal endoscopy; OR unilateral facial pain **WITH** constant pain by Hx, duration ≥ 2 wks, PE normal **AND** nasal endoscopy normal

If suspected parathyroid tumor, indicate Ca > normal **AND** PTH > normal

If suspected recurrent medullary thyroid carcinoma, calcitonin increasing **OR** new neck mass by PE

If suspected submandibular duct stone, indicate recurrent submandibular gland infection **WITH** ≥ 2 episodes by Hx **AND** sx/findings during acute episode **WITH** Pain in gland by Hx, tenderness of gland **AND** temperature > 100.4 F (38.0 C); **OR** indicate continued infection after Abx Rx ≥ 2 wks

If suspected laryngeal fracture, indicate **BOTH** direct trauma to neck by Hx **AND** findings by PE **WITH** stridor, hoarseness **OR** subcutaneous emphysema anterior neck