**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

**Checklist: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Ankle**

**(CPT Code: 73721, 73722, 73723)**

All Indications [**\*One has to be present**]

**\***Chronic monarticular joint pain [**All have to be present**]

Symptoms at ankle [**One has to be present**]

Joint pain

Locking

Giving way by Hx

Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM

Limited ROM

Crepitus

Tenderness

Joint effusion/swelling

Ankle x−ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

Continued Sx/findings after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

NSAID [**One has to be present**]

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

PT ≥ 6 wks

**\***Suspected intra−articular loose body [**All have has to be present**]

Symptoms at ankle [**One has to be present**]

Joint pain

Locking

Giving way by Hx

Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM

Limited ROM

Clicking

Ankle x−ray nondiagnostic for loose body

**\***Suspected avascular necrosis (osteonecrosis), talus [**All have has to be present**]

Ankle pain

Pain with passive ROM

Talus fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging

Ankle x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis

Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks

**\***Suspected acute posterior tibial tendon rupture [**All have has to be present**]

Injury to the area by Hx ≤ 3 wks

Symptoms at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Pain in medial ankle

Pain increased by weight bearing/inversion

Findings at ankle [**Two have to be present**]

Pain with passive ROM

Limited ROM

Crepitus

Tenderness

Joint effusion/swelling

Ankle x−ray nondiagnostic for etiology of pain

**\***Suspected chronic posterior tibial tendon rupture [**All have has to be present**]

Injury to the area by Hx

Symptoms at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Pain in medial ankle

Pain increased by weight bearing/inversion

Findings at ankle [**Both have to be present**]

Weakness of tibialis posterior muscle

Tenderness of posterior tibial tendon

No fracture by x−ray

Continued pain after Rx [**Both have to be present**]

NSAID [**One has to be present**]

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

PT ≥ 6 wks

**\***Suspected osteomyelitis [**Both have to be present**]

Findings [**One has to be present**]

ESR > 30 mm/hr

Temperature > 100.4 F(38.0 C)

WBC > 10,000/cu.mm(10x109/L)

Blood culture positive

C−reactive protein > 10 mg/L

Ankle x−ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis