**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