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

**Checklist: MRI Neck**

**(For CPT Codes: 70540, 70542, 70543)**

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 LEAST ONE of the following:

 baseline scan as part of staging;

 baseline scan positive WITH 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 LEAST ONE of the following:

 > 1 cm by PE;

 high suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH nontender AND fixed;

 OR low suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH 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 (Pulmonary Function Tests)

 If suspected nasopharyngeal tumor indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

 chronic unilateral serous otitis media WITH fluid behind TM (Temporomandibular)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 prior anterior neck surgery, Ca > normal AND PTH (Parathyroid Hormone) > normal