**Provider Checklist-Outpatient –Imaging**

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

**(CPT Code: 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723)**

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

**\***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

Foot x−ray nondiagnostic for osteomyelitis

**\***Soft tissue mass [**Both have to be present**]

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

Foot pain

Entrapment neuropathy

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

Mass by PE and x−ray nondiagnostic for soft tissue mass

Mass by x−ray

**\***Suspected bone tumor [**One has to be present**]

Sclerosis by x−ray

Periostitis by x−ray

Lytic/blastic mass by x−ray

Cortical destruction by x−ray

Pathologic fracture by x−ray

**\***Suspected stress fracture [**All have to be present**]

Stress to the area by Hx

Sx/findings at foot [**One has to be present**]

Tenderness at site of suspected injury

Pain increased by weight−bearing/inversion

No fracture by x−ray

Continued pain after ≥ 4 wks conservative Rx

**\***Posterior tibial nerve compression, tarsal tunnel [**All have to be present**]

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

Pain/dysesthesia of plantar foot

Paresthesias of the sole of the foot

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

Positive Tinel's sign

Sensory impairment over medial plantar/lateral plantar nerve branches [**One has to be present**]

-1 Decreased 2−point discrimination

-2 Decreased light touch/

NCS (Nerve Conduction Study)consistent with compression at tarsal tunnel

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

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

-1 Rx ≥ 4 wks

-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated

Heel wedge/arch support ≥ 6 wks

Corticosteroid injection [**One has to be present**]

-1 Ineffective

-2 Contraindicated/not tolerated/refused

**\***Suspected tarsal coalition [**Both have to be present**]

Sx/findings [**One has to be present**]

Pain at site

Rigid flatfoot

Pain increased with activity

Decreased ROM in midfoot and hindfoot

X−ray nondiagnostic for tarsal coalition

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

Foot pain

Pain with passive ROM

Metatarsal fracture/nonunion of fracture by imaging

Foot x−ray nondiagnostic for avascular necrosis

Continued pain after immobilization ≥ 6 wks