NEW vs. ESTABLISHED PATIENTS-TECHNICAL OR FACILITY SERVICE FEES

DEFINITION OF NEW VERSUS ESTABLISHED PATIENTS-TECHNICAL OR FACILITY SERVICE FEES:

Technical or Facility fee services are hospital resources consumed during a clinic visit (Hospital overhead costs associated with all services that do not have a separate procedure charge). Therefore, physician services are NOT considered in applying the technical coding level.

**New Patient:** A new patient is one who has not been registered as either and inpatient or outpatient of the hospital within the past three years.

**Established Patient:** An established patient is one who has been registered as an inpatient or outpatient of the hospital within the past 3 years.

**NOTE:**
- If the patient is here for a procedure only, and there is no separately identifiable E&M provider service, a technical fee is not charged.