Weekend Access (Q888) Fee Code

Quick Reference Guide

This short guide will help you understand how to bill Q888 and how it compares
to other fee codes.

Challenge	DoctorCare Best Practices and Recommendations
What is the Weekend Access (Q888) fee code?	A fee code that allows physicians to bill for services provided to their groups' enrolled patients for unscheduled visits on Saturday, Sunday, or holidays. The value of this code is $37.95.
What are the requirements to bill for this code?	**Billing Requirements:** ● The patient must be enrolled to the FHO group of the billing physician. ● The service provided is an unscheduled in-person visit. Virtual visits by phone / video cannot be claimed as Q888. ● The billing physician must offer at least three scheduled visits for each three-hour Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday block. ● Q888 must be billed with a valid diagnostic code.
What is the difference between the Q888 and A888?	**A888** - the physician is **not allowed to have any patients scheduled.** The office will have to operate as a walk-in clinic and accept patients with time-sensitive matters which is considered emergency department equivalent. However, FHO physicians are **required to offer both scheduled and unscheduled appointments** to the patients during the after-hours block as per the FHO agreement. **Q888** - the physician is **allowed to schedule patients and can bill Q888A for seeing unscheduled enrolled patients** (provided that three appointments were booked, or three slots were reserved for scheduled enrolled patients). Therefore, physicians should not bill the A888 during required weekend and holiday after-hours clinics. When the minimum required weekend after-hours blocks have been met by the group, A888 can be billed.

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Can Q888 be billed with the After-Hours Premium?	Yes. Q888 is eligible to be billed with the After-Hours Premium Code (Q012) when rendered on rostered patients in accordance with all the After-Hours billing rules.
When do I bill Q888?	Here's a table illustrating what code to bill for enrolled or non-enrolled patients for scheduled and unscheduled visits.

Type of Patient	Required Weekend AH Blocks	Weekend Once AH Blocks Met
Scheduled enrolled	A007* & Q012	-
Unscheduled enrolled	Q888 & Q012	A888 & Q012
Unscheduled Non-enrolled	A007*	A888
Scheduled Non-enrolled	A007*	-

*or best applicable fee code as per the Schedule of Benefits

To view a table of the After-Hours requirements, please download the PDF here.