



AHCIP Billing: After-Hours Codes

Quick Reference Guide

This guide provides key information and best practices to ensure correct billing of after-hours codes in Alberta.

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