

OB billing – Epidural billing

- Multiple claims for 16.91G on the **same day** will not pay on the **same encounter**

Reduce your rejections and improve your reimbursement

- Epidural Monitoring (16.91G) is billed in 5 minute units. Generally these units **must be aggregated** for each patient of the course of an OB shift and then **submitted together in one encounter.**



OB billing – Epidural billing

- Examples:

1. Epidural monitoring at **different times** over a shift – with **no call back**



No Call Back

2. Epidural monitoring with **call back** for a new encounter¹ and **surcharge**



**Call
back/Surcharge**

1. <https://www.albertadoctors.org/fee-navigator/governing-rules/1.14>

Example: Epidural monitoring – **No call back**

Example: 08:00-09:00 **Sarah Smith** – Epidural monitoring (**16.91G x 12**)
09:00-09:30 Julia Jones – Caesarean Section (**86.9C**)
Resume monitoring – **but no call back**
09:30-10:00 **Sarah Smith** – Epidural Monitoring (**16.91 G x 6**)

- **Epidural should be billed as follows: 16.91G x 18 Calls**

Correct



16.91G : Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia	Calls
Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia	- 18 +
Modifiers	Diagnostic Codes


- This would be billed differently if you are **called back** to see the patient and wish to bill a **new encounter** and a **surcharge**

Example: Epidural monitoring – **No call back**

Example: 08:00-09:00 Sarah Smith – Epidural monitoring (16.91G x 12)
09:00-09:30 Julia Jones – Caesarean Section (86.9C)
Resume monitoring – **but no call back**
09:30-10:00 Sarah Smith – Epidural Monitoring (16.91 G x 6)


- Do not submit as below or the claim will be **refused**:


Incorrect

2018-01-31  08 : 00 : 09 : 00

16.91G : Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia
Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia


Calls
- 6 +



2018-01-31  09 : 30 : 10 : 00

16.91G : Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia
Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia


Calls
- 12 +



What about the time?

Your time is **NOT SENT** to Alberta Health and is for your records. So you can either:


1. Enter an all inclusive time and make a note:

Service Date	Start Time	End Time	Skip Time
<input type="text" value="2018-01-31"/> 	<input type="text" value="08"/> : <input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/> : <input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Notes
For internal purposes only - this text will not be sent to AHCIP. To enter text in support of your claim please use the 'Supporting Text' box located directly under the claim code

C/S on another pt from 09:00-09:30

2. Or Skip Time (consider keeping a record of your time elsewhere):

Service Date	Skip Time
<input type="text" value="2018-01-31"/> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Epidural monitoring – **You are called back**

Correct

- 16.91G allows **one surcharge** per patient if you are **called back** for a new encounter.



Incorrect


- If you billing **more than one surcharge** per patient on 16.91G the claim will be **refused**.



Example: Epidural monitoring – Called back

Example: 08:00-09:00 Sarah Smith – Epidural monitoring (16.91G x 12 + TWK x 04)
(Weekend) 09:00-09:30 Julia Jones – Caesarean Section (86.9C + TWK 02)
Called back for new encounter at 09:30
09:30-10:00 Sarah Smith – Epidural Monitoring (WK 16.91 G x 6 +TWK 02)

- **Step 1:** Enter 08:00-09:00 **16.91G x 12** and TWK x 04

2018-01-31 

08 : 00 09 : 00

Add a new Code Ex: 03.03D | 03.07A | 03.08A | 03.08L | 16.91A | 16.91B | 16.91C | 16.91G | 98.11C | 98.11F + Add

Encounter Number - 1 +

Procedure Calculation:

16.91G : Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia
Insertion of anaesthetic into spinal canal for analgesia

Modifiers + Diagnostic Codes +

Calls - 12 +

Correct



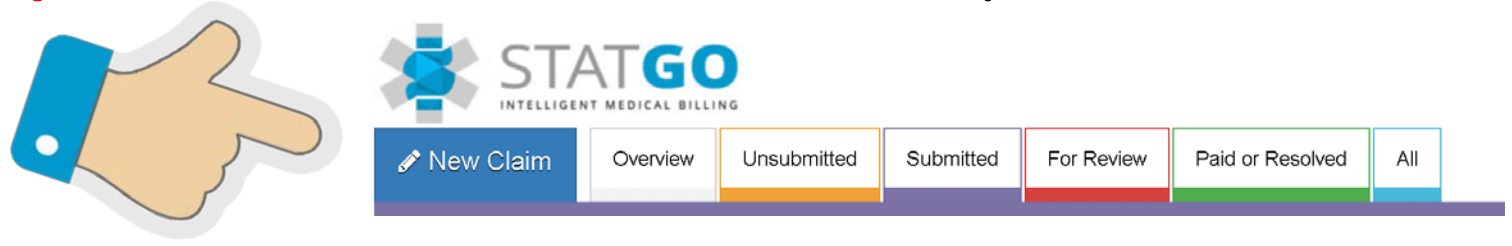
- **Step 2:** Click submit

 Save  Submit



Example: Epidural monitoring – Called back

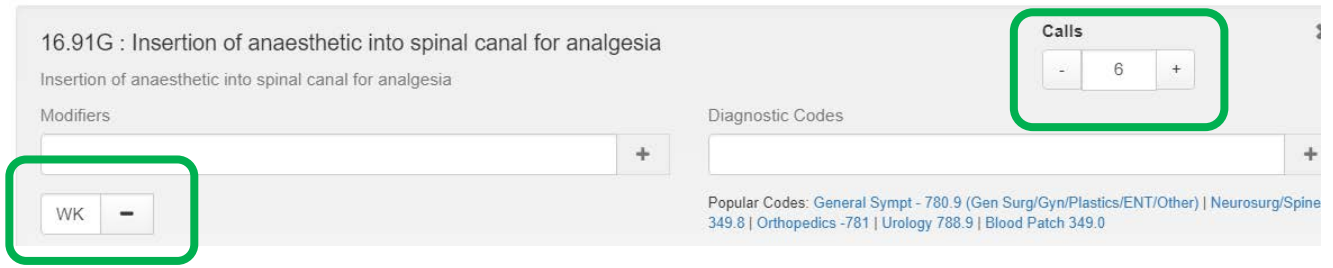
- **Step 3:** Click **New Claim** and enter patient information



- **Step 4:** Enter 09:30-10:00 WK 16.91G x 6 + TWK x 02
Ensure **Encounter Number = 2**



Procedure Calculation:



- **Step 5:** **Submit**



Example: Epidural monitoring – Called back

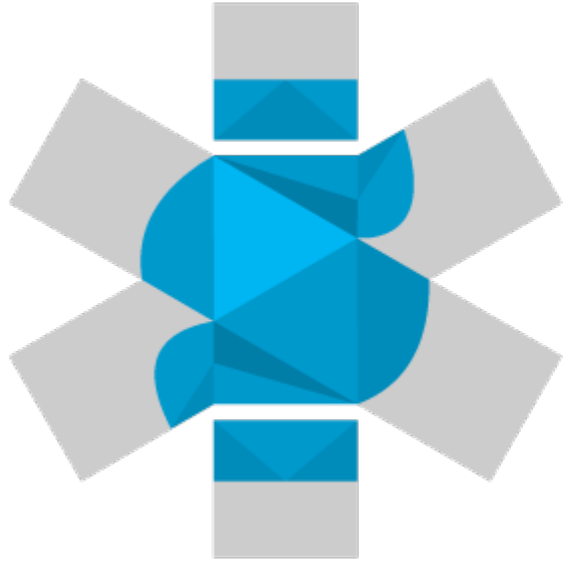
- **Once submitted:**

Name	PHN	Code	Description	Status	Enc	Date/Time	Total
Sarah, Smith	19	03.01AA [TWK02] 16.91G [WK] x 6	Diagnostic interview... Insertion of anaesth...	submitted submitted	2	2018-01-31 9:30 - 10:00	\$192.14
Sarah, Smith	19	03.01AA [TWK04] 16.91G x 12	Diagnostic interview... Insertion of anaesth...	submitted submitted	1	2018-01-31 8:00 - 9:00	\$286.88

Correct



**Encounter numbers 1
and 2 visible**



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