

Fertility Preservation **Services** Coverage in Canada

LEGEND

- Total Fertility Preservation Clinics udes clinics offering In vitro fertilization (IVF) and/or
- Fertility Preservation Clinics

FEDERAL COVERAGE

- ► Federal Income Tax (Medical Expense Tax
- · Medical expenses paid for by the patient, their spouse or common-law partner and certain related persons (any dependents who are listed on your income tax forms)
- medical expenses as they relate to the medical condition of infertility under section 118.2 of the income Tax Act
- ► Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB): recognized Inuit, the NIHB does not

GENERAL NOTES

- ► Every province and territory will cover the cost of consulting a doctor about fertility problems
- ► Some funding from charities may offset costs of fertility treatments e.g. Fertile
- ► Funding may be dependant on third party insurance for coverage of fertility treatments
- ► Jurisdictions with limited fertility services will incur extra travel expenses for the patient who must travel to receive services out of province/territory. Some fertility clinics may charge an additional non-resident fee.
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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

COVERAGE

▶ None

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

► Total Clinics = 0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Residents access fertility services in Alberta.

NUNAVUT

COVERAGE

▶ None

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

► Total Clinics = 0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

► Residents access fertility services in Ontario.

ONTARIO²

COVERAGE

► Yes - 'Ontario's Fertility Program'

COVERAGE INFORMATION

- ▶ To qualify:
- · Have a medical reason for fertility preservation
- · Be an Ontario resident with a valid OHIP card
- · Be under the age of 43 years old
- ▶ Coverage includes once per lifetime IVF and fertility preservation
- ▶ Egg retrieval and freezing of one batch/sample of eggs or

- ▶ All clinics offer sperm preservation and IVF.

COVERAGE

▶ None

▶ Partial – 'The Special Assistance Fund for Infertility'

▶ To qualify for the one time maximum grant of \$5,000,

· Be a New Brunswick resident with a valid Medicare card

and have received infertility treatment after April 1, 2014

▶ The fund allows individuals to claim 50% of eligible incurred

costs of IVF and related pharmaceutical products, up to a

▶ Grant does not include coverage for sperm preservation.

does not cover anything related to fertility treatments.

▶ Province does not cover associated travel costs.

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► Clinic offers sperm preservation and IVF

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

· Have been diagnosed by a physician with fertility problems

▶ The fertility assistance program is separate from Medicare, which

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Storage or shipping of eggs/sperm/embryos, counselling by a psychologist or social worker and any drugs or medications are not covered.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

▶ 1 clinic - St. John's Clinic offers sperm

preservation but not IVF treatment

▶ Province covers prep work for IVF,

including blood work and ultrasounds.

▶ Province does not cover associated travel

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION

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► Total Clinics = 18

NEW BRUSNWICK⁴

COVERAGE INFORMATION

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applicants must:

maximum of \$5.000.

▶ Total Clinics = 1

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND⁵

COVERAGE

OUÉBEC³

COVERAGE

including storage.

▶ Total Clinics = 7

► Yes - 'Assisted Procreation Services'

▶ Funding for cancer patients through The Régie de

▶ Sperm preservation and storage are also covered.

· Procedures to retrieve eggs and ovarian tissue · Procedures to collect sperm or testicular tissue

testicular tissue or embryos for a period of 5 years

· Ovarian stimulation or ovulation induction

· Freezing and storage of sperm, ovarian or

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▶ All clinics offer sperm preservation and IVF.

▶ RAMO covers the cost of storage for 5 years. ▶ Beyond 5 years it is the responsibility of the patient.

l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) covers all costs associated with IVF for egg and embryo preservation,

▶ In such cases (for cancer patients), the following services

COVERAGE INFORMATION

are covered by insurance:

▶ Partial – 'Fertility Support Program'

COVERAGE INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ The program provides a minimum of \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 annually, based on family income, for eligible expenses associated with IVF including associated medications at out-of-province clinics.
- ► An individual can access maximum annual funding for up
- ▶ Eligibility criteria include family income and to be a permanent resident of PEI with a Health Card. Storage fees for IVF and sperm preservation are not covered.

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

► Total Clinics = 0

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Province covers prep work for IVF, including blood work and ultrasounds.

NOVA SCOTIA

▶ Partial – 'Hematology/Oncology Fertility Support Fund'

COVERAGE INFORMATION

- ▶ Eligibility to receive funds will be determined by the Pediatric Oncologist and the Social Worker in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology based on assessment procedures and on the patients treatment modality.
- ▶ Following the proper criteria and assessment procedures, may approve funds up to a maximum of \$375 per male and \$5360 per female. The source of funds are from the Hematology/Oncology Trust Fund, up to a maximum of 10,000/year.

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- ► Total Clinics = 1
- ▶ Clinic offers sperm preservation and IVF.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ► Yearly storage fees and fertilization procedures beyond initial oocyte collection and preservation or sperm preservation are not covered.
- ▶ Many patients are referred to this fertility clinic from PEI and NI

ALBERTA

70 dollars.

YUKON

▶ None

CLINICS*

▶ Total Clinics = 0

British Columbia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

COVERAGE

► Total Clinics = 6

▶ 4 clinics offer IVF.

▶ None

COVERAGE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Residents access fertility services in

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

▶ Most fertility blood tests are covered with

► The anti-Müllerian hormone blood test costs

British Columbia Medical Services Plan.

▶ All 6 clinics offer sperm preservation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COVERAGE

▶ None

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

- ▶ Total Clinics = 4
- ▶ 3 clinics offer sperm preservation and IVF (Regional Fertility & Women's Endocrinology Clinic in Edmonton does not do sperm or egg banking)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Most fertility blood tests are covered with Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

SASKATCHEWAN

COVERAGE

▶ None

OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION CLINICS*

- ▶ Total Clinics = 1
- ▶ Clinic offers sperm preservation and IVF

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

▶ Saskatchewan Health covers prep work for IVF, including blood work and ultrasounds.

MANITOBA1 COVERAGE

► Partial – 'Fertility Treatment Tax Credit'

COVERAGE INFORMATION

- A Tax Credit of 40% of the cost of fertility treatment, to a maximum of \$8,000 refund per year (40% of \$20,000) is provided to residents. ▶ The tax credit applies to IVF, fertility preservation, and prescription drugs (among other services):
- · Treatments and related medications must be provided by a Manitoba licensed medical practitioner or infertility treatment
- · The patient must be a resident of Manitoba.

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- ► Total Clinics = 1
- ▶ Clinic offers sperm preservation and IVF

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ The Tax Credit does not cover associated travel costs.
- pay income taxes. However, in order to receive the credit, the patient or their spouse or common-law partner must file an income tax return.

▶ The Tax Credit is payable to the patient regardless of whether they