

## **TRICARE<sup>®</sup>** Coverage of Assisted Reproductive Services

TRICARE covers certain types of assisted reproductive services

Generally, assisted reproductive services and noncoital reproductive procedures, including artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization (IVF), and gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), are **not** covered under TRICARE.

However, there are some types of infertility assessment, testing, and care that TRICARE may cover **only** when used in conjunction with natural conception, including:

- Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the female or male reproductive system including correction of any physical cause of infertility. This does **not** include artificial insemination or assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, which are not covered.
- Diagnostic services, which may include semen analysis, hormone evaluation, chromosomal studies, immunologic studies, special and sperm function tests, and/or bacteriologic investigation.
- Medically necessary care for erectile dysfunction due to organic causes (*e.g., vascular conditions, diabetic neuropathy, spinal cord injury, thyroid disease*). Psychological or psychiatric causes of erectile dysfunction (*e.g., depression, anxiety, stress*) are **not** covered by TRICARE.

Contact your military treatment facility or regional call center for prior authorization before receiving any of the services mentioned above. See the *For Information and Assistance* section of this fact sheet for contact information. The following services are **not** covered by TRICARE:

- Medications, hormones, lab work, and ovulation stimulation used in conjunction with any of the following artificial conception techniques:
  - Artificial insemination including intrauterine insemination and any costs related to donors and semen banks.
  - IVF, GIFT, zygote intrafallopian transfer, tubal embryo transfer, all other noncoital reproductive procedures, and any related services or supplies.
  - Reversal of tubal ligation or vasectomy.

## EXCEPTIONS FOR WOUNDED, ILL, AND INJURED SERVICE MEMBERS

Assisted reproductive services may be available to service members who have sustained serious or severe illness or injury while on active duty that led to the loss of their natural reproductive ability including (*but not limited to*) those with neurological, physiological, and/or anatomical injuries.

For more information, contact your primary care manager or service point of contact or visit www.tricare.mil/coveredservices.

## FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE



1. For toll-free contact information, visit www.tricare-overseas.com.

## An Important Note About TRICARE Program Information

At the time of publication, this information is current. It is important to remember that TRICARE policies and benefits are governed by public law and federal regulations. Changes to TRICARE programs are continually made as public law and/or federal regulations are amended. Military treatment facility guidelines and policies may be different than those outlined in this product. For the most recent information, contact your TRICARE regional contractor, TRICARE Service Center, or local military treatment facility.

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