

## ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL TRICARE PATIENTS

While many physician practices and facilities have discontinued their participation with Tricare Standard and Tricare Prime, The New Hope Center for Reproductive Medicine continues to accept Tricare plans. However, certain restrictions do apply.

In 2011, Tricare made several policy, coverage, and reimbursement changes as they pertain to infertility testing and treatment, which directly affects those patients with Tricare as their healthcare plan. This affects any/all patients with Tricare seeking fertility/infertility testing and treatment services, regardless of the physician providing care.

Tricare no longer covers (nor pays for) infertility testing associated with or in preparation for IVF, Donor Egg, Donor Embryo, Gestational Carrier, or Cryo Cycle (F.E.T. cycle), nor do they cover any pre-testing for any other advanced A.R.T. cycles. As such, payment for any/all pre-testing procedures associated with A.R.T. services is the responsibility of the patient. From the date/time a patient indicates a plan to proceed with any such services/treatment, their coverage with Tricare ceases, and Tricare places the full financial responsibility onto the patient.

In addition, Tricare no longer covers (nor pays for) infertility treatment associated with any cycle resulting in an I.U.I. (intra-uterine insemination). As such, all testing and treatment cycles (ex: Clomiphene Citrate (Clomid), CCCT, Ovulation Induction (OI), etc.) planned or resulting in one or more I.U.I.'s, are not paid by Tricare, and are the financial responsibility of the patient. This includes all services associated with that cycle (i.e. Office visits, Ultrasounds, blood work, medications, etc.).

The New Hope Center is providing this advance notice to all Tricare members, in an effort to better assist our patients with their financial planning for their fertility/infertility services as outlined herein, and as a result of Tricare's changes and reductions in plan benefits/coverage.

Understanding the additional financial responsibility that accompanies these changes, The New Hope Center is offering several discount programs to our Tricare patients, to assist them with reducing their out of pocket costs for their testing and treatment services. In addition, we have partnered with a select group of local Banks and online Finance Agencies, making them available for patients to secure their needed finances.

If you have specific questions regarding Tricare's coverage and policy changes as it pertains to your infertility testing and/or treatment, and/or to receive information regarding the many assistance programs The New Hope Center has to offer, please contact one of our Financial Counselors to discuss.

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