



Infertility Diagnosis and Treatment

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This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Overview

This policy addresses reimbursement for diagnosis and treatment of infertility. AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina considers the use of any diagnostic service for evaluation of male or female infertility to be non-reimbursable. Other services may be reimbursable except when related to infertility, including, but not limited to, hysterosalpingography, vasography, vesiculography, epididymography, and thyroid panel.

AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina considers the use of any medical procedure or pharmaceutical product related to treating infertility, including assisted reproductive technology, to be non-reimbursable.

Exceptions

The use of cryopreservation fertility preservation for patients with cancer is reimbursable.

Reimbursement Guidelines

There are no infertility services reimbursable by Medicaid.

Definitions

Infertility

Infertility is defined as failure to establish a clinical pregnancy after 12 months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse with the same partner or due to an impairment of a person's capacity to reproduce either as an individual or with their partner.

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT).
- II. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- III. International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and associated publications and services.
- IV. American Society of Reproductive Medicine, 2017.
- V. North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

08/2024	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
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