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Expanding Access to Care: Updates to the Supplemental Health Care Program and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Policy

Responses to unanswered questions from the live Q&A

7¡ If.a.beneficiary.is.infertile.for.a.reason.apart.from.sexual.dysfunction?is.the. treatment.for.sexual.dysfunction.still.covered?
Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the male and female genital system are covered. Infertility testing and treatment, including correction of the physical cause of infertility, are covered under this provision. Additionally, TRICARE provides medically necessary and appropriate medical care for sexual dysfunction (e¡g¡?erectile dysfunction) due to organic, vice psychological or psychiatric, causes. TRICARE covers the following treatments for organic impotency: external vacuum appliance, penile implants and testicular prostheses, hormone injections, and PDE5 inhibitors subject to limitations established by the DOD Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Coverage is not contingent on proven fertility.

8¡ I.am.wondering.if.Surrogacy.is.approved.for.Veterans.who.have.Tricare.as. Veteran.receiving.care.through.the.VA.not.the.DOD?.I.work.at.FHCC.which.is.an. integrated.facility.with.DOD¡

No. Congress's authorization for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide ART services is limited to providing these services to a covered veteran and the spouse of a covered veteran. Gestational surrogacy remains outside the scope of the VA IVF benefit.

9¡ If.they.get.a.full.retirement.from.AD?.they.get.TRICARE.for.Life¡. So.if.they.met. eligibility.while.serving?do.they.continue.into.retirement?

While DoD's authority to cover ART services ends when the Service member separates or retires, eligible Veterans may receive ART services from the VA.

0¡ Is.there.a.connection.to.DHA.Form.060❸connected.to.MHS.GENESIS.to.facilitate. usage?

Not at this time.