



Trans Health Project

Working for Transgender Equal Rights

Health Insurance Medical Policies

Fertility Preservation

These are a list of clinical criteria that have explicit coverage for fertility preservation.

Policy Issued By: [AllWays Health Partners](#)

Policy Title: [Assisted Reproductive Services/Infertility Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) for Member not in Active Infertility Treatment

AllWays Health Partners covers one cycle of IVF for the purpose of egg retrieval, processing and fertilization and a single cryopreservation of eggs/embryos for up to one year, when there is documentation that a member will be undergoing medical or surgical treatment (e.g. chemotherapy, radiation, gender affirming treatment), that is likely to result in permanent infertility.

Cryopreservation of Eggs/Embryos

[Female-assigned] member will be undergoing medical or surgical treatment (e.g. chemotherapy, radiation, gender affirmation etc) excluding voluntary sterilization that is likely to result in permanent infertility, and AllWays Health Partners has authorized an IVF cycle for stimulation and retrieval. Cryopreservation of eggs/embryos will be covered for up to one year from the time of the egg retrieval.

Cryopreservation of Sperm

[Male-assigned] member will be undergoing medical or surgical treatment (e.g. chemotherapy, radiation, gender affirmation) excluding voluntary sterilization that is likely to result in permanent infertility. In this case the male member and/or couple do not need to be already receiving AllWays Health Partners -authorized in infertility services. There must be a >5% probability of a future live birth using the member's cryopreserved sperm.

Policy Issued By: [AllWays Health Partners](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Affirming Procedures](#)

Fertility Preservation:

AllWays Health Partners covers services related to fertility preservation in members undergoing gender affirming procedures including oocyte, embryo or sperm retrieval, freezing and storage for up to 2 years for trans members undergoing hormonal therapy or genital affirmation surgery. Please refer to details of coverage in AllWays Health Partners' [Assisted Reproductive Services/Infertility Services](#) medical policy.

Policy Issued By: [AvMed](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Reassignment Surgery](#)

Fertility Preservation:

In addition, the following procedures are not covered:

- Procurement, cryopreservation or storage of embryo, sperm, oocytes for the preservation of fertility and the cryopreservation, storage, and thawing of reproductive tissue (i.e., ovaries, testicular tissue).

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Assignment Surgery and Gender Reassignment Surgery with Related Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Procurement, cryopreservation/freezing, storage/banking, and thawing of reproductive tissues, such as oocytes, ovaries, embryos, spermatozoa, and testicular tissue **may be considered medically necessary for individuals with gender dysphoria because** gender reassignment services, such as long-term cross-sex hormone therapy or surgical procedures, may render an individual infertile whether or not the individual has reproduced in the past.

See related policy:

[OB402.023 Reproductive Technologies or Techniques and Related Services](#)

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Affirming Services \(Transgender Services\)](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Oocyte, embryo, or sperm retrieval, freezing and storage for up to 24 months for transgender members prior to undergoing hormone therapy or genital sex reassignment surgery may be considered [MEDICALLY NECESSARY](#). (See medical policy [#086](#), Infertility Diagnosis and Treatment)

- Per subscriber certificate language, cryopreservation is limited to one cycle only.

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Affirming Procedures for Gender Dysphoria](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Preservation of fertility is subject to the member's contract benefits. This includes but is not limited to procurement, cryopreservation/freezing, storage/banking, and thawing of reproductive tissues, such as oocytes, ovaries, embryos, spermatozoa, and testicular tissue

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Assignment Surgery and Gender Reassignment Surgery with Related Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Procurement, cryopreservation/freezing, storage/banking, and thawing of reproductive tissues, such as oocytes, ovaries, embryos, spermatozoa, and testicular tissue **may be considered medically necessary for individuals with gender dysphoria because** gender reassignment services, such as long-term cross-sex hormone therapy or surgical procedures, may render an individual infertile whether or not the individual has reproduced in the past.

See related policy:

[OB402.023 Reproductive Technologies or Techniques and Related Services](#)

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Assignment Surgery and Gender Reassignment Surgery with Related Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Procurement, cryopreservation/freezing, storage/banking, and thawing of reproductive tissues, such as oocytes, ovaries, embryos, spermatozoa, and testicular tissue **may be considered medically necessary for individuals with gender dysphoria because** gender reassignment services, such as long-term cross-sex hormone therapy or surgical procedures, may render an individual infertile whether or not the individual has reproduced in the past.

See related policy:

[OB402.023 Reproductive Technologies or Techniques and Related Services](#)

Policy Issued By: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Assignment Surgery and Gender Reassignment Surgery with Related Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

H. Gender Reassignment Reproductive Services:

Procurement, cryopreservation/freezing, storage/banking, and thawing of reproductive tissues, such as oocytes, ovaries, embryos, spermatozoa, and testicular tissue **may be considered medically necessary** for individuals with gender dysphoria because gender reassignment services, such as long-term cross-sex hormone therapy or surgical procedures, may render an individual infertile whether or not the individual has reproduced in the past.

Policy Issued By: [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care](#)

Policy Title: [Transgender Health Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC) also covers retrieval, cryopreservation, and storage (up to one year) of sperm or eggs when documentation confirms an eligible member with gender dysphoria/gender incongruence will be undergoing gender reassignment treatment that is likely to result in infertility.

Policy Issued By: [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care \(Stride HMO Medicare Advantage\)](#)

Policy Title: [Transgender Health Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

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Policy Issued By: [Hawaii Medical Service Association](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Identity Services](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Fertility counseling is covered (subject to Limitations and Administrative Guidelines) when all of the following criteria are met:

1. Fertility counseling is provided by a qualified health care professional;
 2. The service is provided prior to removal of testes or ovaries; and
 3. The counselor documents that the patient has been advised about contraceptive use, effects of transition on fertility, and options for fertility preservation and reproduction.
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Policy Issued By: [HMSA](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Identity Services](#)

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 3. The counselor documents that the patient has been advised about contraceptive use, effects of transition on fertility, and options for fertility preservation and reproduction
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Policy Issued By: [UnitedHealthcare West](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Dysphoria \(Gender Identity Disorder\) Treatment \(Oregon\)](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Coverage is available for medical, behavioral or pharmacological treatment that is Medically Necessary for Gender Dysphoria. UnitedHealthcare does not exclude or deny covered health care benefits based on associated diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria, or otherwise discriminate against the member on the basis that treatment is for Gender Dysphoria.

Policy Issued By: [UnitedHealthcare West](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Dysphoria \(Gender Identity Disorder\) Treatment \(Washington\)](#)

Fertility Preservation:

Coverage is available for medical, behavioral or pharmacological treatment that is Medically Necessary for Gender Dysphoria. UnitedHealthcare does not exclude or deny covered health care benefits based on associated diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria, or otherwise discriminate against the member on the basis that treatment is for Gender Dysphoria.

Policy Issued By: [University Health Alliance](#)

Policy Title: [Gender Identity Services](#)

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Fertility counseling is covered (subject to Limitations and Administrative Guidelines) when all of the following criteria are met:

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