



GUIDE TO SURROGACY FEES

Medicare defines surrogacy as “an arrangement whereby a woman agrees to become pregnant and to bear a child for another person or persons to whom she will transfer guardianship and custodial rights at or shortly after birth”. Medicare Benefits Schedule 2012 – Note T1.4.

Although surrogacy arrangements have legal standing in Australia, Medicare benefits are not payable for assisted reproductive services rendered in conjunction with surrogacy arrangements

RAINBOW FERTILITY FEES

The following is a summary of the current Rainbow Fertility fees payable for surrogacy cycles

Type of Treatment	Fee	Payment Due
Stage One		
Surrogacy Application Fee	\$1,240	Upon submission of application
Fertility Management Fee (IVF cycle)	\$9,065	Commencement of Cycle
ICSI (insemination)	\$895	Commencement of Cycle
Donor Sperm	\$900-\$1,330	Upon Reservation
Embryo Freezing Fee (includes 6 months storage)	\$600	Upon Confirmation
Stage Two		
Preparation of embryos for Transfer	\$3,142	Day of Transfer Cycle

Fees current as of 1st January 2020

The Fertility Management Fee charged for a fully stimulated IVF cycle includes the following services:

- Comprehensive education on the treatment process
- Comprehensive financial quote
- Blood tests (pathology) during the intended parent/s / egg provider or surrogates 30-day IVF treatment cycle and the surrogates 30-day embryo transfer cycle
- Ultrasounds with the Rainbow Fertility specialist during the intended parent/s / egg provider or surrogates 30-day IVF treatment cycle and the surrogates 30-day embryo transfer cycle
- Semen preparation
- Standard laboratory scientific services including extended culture
- The intensive support of a specialised team of IVF nurse coordinators
- Supportive counselling with a Rainbow affiliated counsellor during the 30 day treatment cycle
- Consultation with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated dietician at the commencement of treatment



ADDITIONAL FEES

There will be some additional costs associated with your treatment cycle. You will receive these accounts separately, in addition to your Rainbow Fertility accounts. These will involve the following:

1) Specialist Fees

The fees charged by your Specialist include the initial consultations and tests performed by your specialist prior to the commencement of treatment. Additional fees for the management and planning of your surrogacy cycle are charged by your specialist and include the consultations for the surrogate, the intended parents and egg provider (if applicable). The specialist will also charge a fee for performing both the egg collection and embryo transfer.

These fees are set at your specialist's own discretion. Please contact the office of your specialist for an estimate of their fees.

2) Fertility Medication

Fertility medication for the intended parent/s or egg provider/ surrogate's IVF cycle and for the surrogate's transfer cycle is provided via a prescription from your clinician and dispensed through a pharmacy. Medication used in a surrogacy arrangement is not eligible for the PBS co-payment and hence the intended parent/s are required to pay for all medications for the IVF cycle and the transfer cycle privately according to the price schedule of the pharmacy that dispenses the medication to them.

The intended parent/s are responsible to pay for all medication dispensed including the medication dispensed to the surrogate/ egg provider. Please ensure that you have communicated with your surrogate/ egg provider regarding this account and have made arrangements to transfer payment to the external service provider on their behalf. Rainbow Fertility is unable to accurately quote these fees on behalf of the pharmacy.

3) Anesthetist Fees

The intended parent/s are responsible for paying the anaesthetist fee if they are undergoing the egg collection. If you have private health cover you may be partially covered for these costs.

If the surrogacy arrangement involves an egg provider or surrogate undertaking the egg collection then the intended parent/s are responsible for the out-of-pocket expenses. The fee for the general anesthetic will be billed directly to the egg provider/ surrogate and may be claimable with private health cover if the egg provider/ surrogate has the appropriate level of cover. Please ensure that you have communicated with your egg provider/ surrogate regarding this account and made arrangements to transfer payment to external service providers on their behalf.

The fee charged by the anesthetist is variable and therefore we recommend that you obtain a quote directly from the anesthetist rooms before treatment.



4) Hospital Fees

The intended parent/s are responsible for paying the Hospital theatre and bed fees if they are undergoing the egg collection. If you have private health insurance you may be partially or fully covered for these costs.

If the surrogacy arrangement involves an egg provider or surrogate undertaking the egg collection then the intended parent/s are responsible for paying the out of pocket expenses on their behalf. The hospital fee will be billed directly to the surrogate/ egg provider. If you are not going to be present at the time of the egg provider/ surrogate's admission to hospital, we recommend that you contact the hospital directly prior to admission and arrange the pre-payment of all fees on your egg provider/ surrogate's behalf. If your egg provider/ surrogate has private health insurance they may be partially or fully covered for these costs. We recommend that the egg provider / surrogate contacts their private health fund for an estimate of any excess or co-payments that may be required. Please quote Item number 13212.

5) Counselling

Counselling is required for all parties involved in the surrogacy arrangement. The counsellor may also recommend for the intended parent/s and surrogate to undergo psychiatric evaluation to ensure there is full informed consent. Rainbow Fertility recommends patients obtain a quote directly from their counsellor.

6) Legal

It is a requirement for all patients entering into a surrogacy arrangement to obtain independent legal advice for the surrogacy arrangement and parentage order. Rainbow Fertility advises that patients obtain a quote directly from their lawyer, as unfortunately we are unable to provide an estimate of their fees.

7) Pathology screenings

All egg providers and surrogates are required to have pathology screening. Some of these tests can be bulk billed, however please consult with the staff at Rainbow Fertility to obtain an estimate of the out of pocket costs and which pathology screening is required.

8) Specialised Laboratory Services

In addition to the standard embryology services offered, your specialist may recommend other related services that may help you achieve a successful pregnancy. Additional services include but are not limited to:

- Assisted hatching.
- Specialised embryo transfer media.
- Pre-implantation Genetic Screening (PGS).
- Sperm freeze.
- Testicular Sperm Aspiration (TESA).

Ongoing Storage Fees

Initial embryo freezing fees include 6 months of storage. After the initial 6-month period, a storage fee is deducted from the nominated credit card held on file every 6 months for frozen embryos stored at Rainbow Fertility. If you do not wish to continue with storage, please contact the clinic to obtain the relevant consent form.



Cancelled Cycles

In the event that you decide not to proceed with the surrogacy arrangement and the cycle is cancelled prior to egg collection then a cancellation fee of \$1500 is payable. The application fee is not refundable.

If you proceed to egg collection and there are no eggs collected or the eggs fail to fertilise you are still liable for the full cost of treatment even though treatment has not resulted in a transfer or embryos being frozen.

If the surrogates transfer cycle is cancelled for any reason there is a cancellation fee of \$700 payable.

Donor Sperm Reservation

The donor sperm reservation fee is required in full within two weeks from the date of reservation. If payment is not received within this timeframe, the donor sperm is returned to the donor pool for use by other recipients.

Due to the shortage of clinic recruited donor sperm the reservation period is limited to three (3) months. If the reservation of donor sperm is cancelled by the recipient then there is an administration fee of \$200 payable.