



## 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
<b>Stage One</b>		
Surrogacy Application Fee	\$1,310	Upon submission of application
Fertility Management Fee (IVF cycle)	\$8,435	Commencement of Cycle
ICSI (insemination)	\$990	Commencement of Cycle
Embryo Freezing Fee (includes 6 mths storage)	\$650	Upon Confirmation
<b>Stage Two</b>		
Preparation of embryo for Transfer	\$3,325	Commencement of Transfer Cycle

Fees current as of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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

Additional support services such as supportive counselling with a Rainbow Fertility affiliated counsellor during your 30-day cycle are available upon request. Please speak to our friendly patient services team for more details.



## 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:

### **Clinician Fee**

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

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Hospital Fees**

The intended parent(s) are responsible for paying the Hospital theatre and bed fee if they are undergoing the egg collection. All egg pick-up procedures and transfers occur at Notting Hill Day Hospital. Day surgery theatre and accommodation costs maybe partially covered by private health insurance but if you have limited or no health fund cover, the procedure cost at Notting Hill Day Hospital for an EPU is \$1275 and for an embryo transfer \$320. For those who are uninsured, the full hospital fees are payable upon admission.



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 day hospital admission staff to 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 covered for these costs. Please contact the day hospital admission staff for an estimate of any excess or gap payments that may be required.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 Testing (PGT).
- Sperm freeze.
- Testicular Sperm Aspiration (TESA).

### **Ongoing Storage Fees**

After the initial 6-month storage period, storage fees will apply. Storage fees are payable monthly via direct debit. 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 \$1585 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 \$738 payable.



## Donor Sperm Reservation

If you also require clinic recruited donor sperm for your cycle, the reservation fee is required upon reservation.

If you choose to reserve donor sperm that is located in another state to where you live you will be required to pay a courier fee. If you are having treatment at one of our Queensland clinics and have reserved a donor located in Queensland then there will be a small service fee payable.

Due to the shortage of clinic recruited donor sperm the reservation period is limited to six (6) months. Once 6 months has elapsed your reservation can be re-reserved for another 6 months for a fee of \$400. If the sperm is not used within the 12-month period, the reservation will be cancelled and the returned to Addam donor pool. A refund of the reservation period will not be offered. Sperm reserved for a subsequent pregnancy can be reserved for a maximum of 2.5 years, with re-reservation at \$400 occurring every 6 months.