

A **fresh** opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

Fund IVF Treatment Rebates



Under a Canberra Liberals government, ACT residents will be able to access up to \$2000 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred when receiving In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) or certain Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) treatments.

The rebates will be available for all ACT families undergoing fertility treatment from an accredited provider to assist with costs not reimbursed by Medicare or private health insurance.

KEY MEASURES:

- ✔ \$2000 rebates for out-of-pocket expenses when accessing IVF or ART treatments
- ✔ \$1000 rebates for access to intra uterine insemination (IUI) treatments
- ✔ \$250 rebates for initial fertility tests at clinics
- ✔ Support for families with the financial toll of infertility treatments
- ✔ Assistance for Canberrans accessing specialist services interstate when unavailable in the ACT



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Infertility affects around one in six Australian couples of reproductive age and the significant out-of-pocket costs involved with accessing these services is a barrier for many women and families who want to undergo treatment.

The Canberra Liberals will provide further support for Canberrans who wish to access IVF or certain ART treatments but are unable to do so due to the out of pocket expenses.

We have heard from many Canberra families who suffer for years with the emotional, physical and financial toll of infertility and its treatments.

A Canberra Liberals government will acknowledge and understand these burdens and will support families going through.

The rebates will cover out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$2,000 when undergoing IVF or certain assisted reproductive technology and up to \$1000 for intra-uterine insemination (IUI).

These rebates will include a maximum \$250 rebate for out-of-pocket expenses incurred when undergoing initial fertility tests to assist Canberrans determine their suitability for ART treatment.

Rebates will also be available for ACT residents who access eligible interstate fertility treatments when specialised treatment is not offered in Canberra.

ACT residents undergoing an eligible fertility treatment, on or after 1 October 2024, will be able to claim these rebates - available as a one-off payment for one cycle of IVF or IUI treatment from an accredited ART provider.

In the ACT, Assisted Reproductive Technology is available through several private sector providers.

These rebates will assist families with gaps and ancillary costs, after applicants have received any Medicare rebates or private health insurance payments.

Despite the Health Minister saying in 2022 that Labor would explore options for increasing affordability and accessibility for ART, as usual nothing has been done.

The Canberra Liberals are committed to helping ACT women and families with the costs of undergoing IVF or IUI treatments.



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