Information on the application for a non-reimbursable donation for treatment in the manner of in vitro fertilization (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)

The funding program “assisted reproduction” supports financially the couples, who are unintentionally childless, by using of the assisted reproduction (so-called artificial insemination) in the homologous system.

What is being funded?

The financial support is a proportional funding for the 2nd and 3rd treatment attempt of the reproductive measure.

Funded are in vitro fertilization treatments (IVF) and intracytoplasmic sperm injection treatments (ICSI)

Which conditions must be met?

The donation can be made if:

- The requirements of § 27a para. 1 of Social Act (SGB V) are fulfilled *
- The married couple or couple:
  - Are unintentionally childless,
  - Are not living separated permanently and
  - Their main residence at the time of application and treatment is in Berlin
- The marriage partner / life partner has reached the age of 25 at the beginning of the treatment
- The female marriage partner / life partner has not reached the age of 40 and the male marriage partner / life partner has not reached the age of 50 at the time of starting of the treatment
- The eligible treatment cycle has not started yet (The commencement of the action applies to the completing of a treatment contract with the reproductive medical institution for the respective treatment cycle and the filling of prescriptions)
- The treatment is carried out in the state of Berlin (in a clinic or institution approved by the competent authority of the state of Berlin in accordance with § 121a of the Fifth Book of the Social Act (SGB V), which meets the requirements of § 27a para. 1 of the Social Act (SGB V) in conjunction with the guidelines of the Joint Federal Committee on Medical Measures for Artificial Insemination, as amended)
- A claim for reimbursement of the costs of treatment toward the competent health insurance, private health insurance or the aid does not exist or does not exist in full

* For non-marriage partnerships, the provisions of § 27a para. 1 of Social Act (SGB V) apply analogously.

How much is the funding?

The funding amount is a maximum of 50 percent of the remaining own contribution after the cost takeover by the statutory / private health insurance or subsidy office. It is limited to maximum of:

- € 800.00 for in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment or
- € 900.00 for Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) treatment.
Each treatment cycle should be requested separately. Meaning that only one treatment attempt can be applied for each time.

Note: There is no legal entitlement to a donation. The granting authority decides at its discretion within the limits of the available budget.

Which proofs must be attached to the application?

- Current registration certificate of both applicants (not older than 3 months)
- A copy of the marriage certificate, if applicable
- Approved plan for cost / treatment
- Declaration of the costs or negative notification of the health insurance/s and / or the subsidy office

What else is important to know?

The following chronological sequence must be observed:

- Advice on the medical and psychosocial aspects of treatment by a doctor who does not perform the treatment himself/herself;
- Preparation of the treatment plan incl. cost statement by the attending doctor;
- Obtaining the declaration of the costs by the respective health insurance and / or, the subsidy office, if applicable;
- Sending of the original application form to the State Office for Health and Social Affairs;
- Waiting for the decision of the State Office for Health and Social Affairs;
- Only when a positive decision (provisional grant decision) has been received on the granting of funds, the medical treatment and the filling of prescriptions may begin;
- The respective treatment must be completed within six months of notification of the decision;
- After completing the treatment: Submitting of invoices / receipts for health insurance costs and / or, the subsidy office, if applicable (if cost takeover has been declared);
- Sending of application for payment together with the bills and the confirmation letter from the health insurance fund and / or, the subsidy office, if applicable, to the State Office for Health and Social Affairs;

  IMPORTANT! By no later than 14 days after receipt of the last proof, all necessary proofs must be arrived to the State Office for Health and Social Affairs!

- Payment of the funding by the State Office for Health and Social Affairs takes place after calculation of the final amount of the donation.

Further information


If you have any further questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the State Office for Health and Social Affairs Berlin - Unit ZS E - by e-mail at foerderung-kinderwunsch@lageso.berlin.de.