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ANNOUNCEMENT

From now on the co-payment of 6.000 denars for exercising the right to in vitro will be borne by the Fund's budget, and will apply to the right for an in vitro for third and fourth child, in addition to the right for first and second child, for up to three attempts

The right to in vitro is one of the programmes of the Fund with an exceptionally high priority. Our goal is to meet the requirements of all insureds wanting to have children, and have difficulties to achieve that.

Therefore, the Health Insurance Fund hereby informs you with great satisfaction that as of 13.11.2015, in accordance with the legal amendments currently in force, the insureds wanting to exercise their right to in vitro are released from the co-payment of 6.000 denars when using healthcare services for the in vitro procedures (BAF) for having their first, second, third, and fourth child, for up to three unsuccessful attempts for fertilization. The co-payment will be covered by the Fund.

The second novelty is that the right to in vitro can be used for a third and fourth child, that is to say, for healthcare services provided in the procedures for biomedical assisted fertilization, conducted with autologous fertilization and allogenic fertilization for third and fourth child, up to three unsuccessful attempts for fertilization.

In Republic of Macedonia, the percentage of proven pregnancy (β HCG in serum) after an in vitro procedure in 2011 was 38.7%, in 2012 the percentage was 41,3%, in 2013 it was 50,5%, in 2014 it was 54,5%, and in 2015, as at 31st of July, it was 53,5%. This trend shows that our healthcare institutions, with whom we have entered into an agreement for in vitro, are highly specialized and have a high success rate. Also, the high rate of in vitro procedure is affected by the fact that the insureds are opting for this procedure, since the fee for in vitro covered by the Fund is incentivising, unlike in other healthcare systems where this procedure is not borne by the state. *We would like to encourage couples, who are interested in applying for in vitro for a second child, to do so as soon as possible, taking into account that age plays a role, and the Fund and the services are always available for clarifying any doubts.*



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The procedure for in vitro as a right was first made possible by the Fund in 2008, by way of reimbursement, and since 2010 the insureds receive vouchers upon approval from the Fund. The amount paid by the Fund for exercising the right to in vitro between 2010 and 2015 was 387 million and 465 thousand denars.

The insureds are entitled to choose the healthcare institution where they want to perform the in vitro procedure, from a list of institutions with whom we have entered into agreements. **In 2015 the Fund has entered into an agreement with the following healthcare institutions providing BAF services:** Plodnost Bitola, Dr. Organdzhiski in Shtip, Re-medika in Skopje, Ultramedika in Skopje, Moja bolnica in Skopje, Acibadem Sistina in Skopje, University Clinic of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Gineko medika in Skopje, and Inanna System (Newborn Clinic) in Skopje.

All necessary forms, instructions on the manner for exercising the right to BAF borne by the Fund, and all other information are published on the Fund's website www.fzo.org.mk