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ANNOUNCEMENT

Health Insurance Fund awarded the 10,000th voucher for in vitro

On 03.01.2017, the Health Insurance Fund awarded the 10,000th voucher for in vitro fertilization. The insured person who received the voucher is 43 years of age from Skopje, with initials S.M.M. The Fund wishes successful procedure and a baby in the New Year.

We realize our goal with all of our available capacities, in order to meet all requests from the insured persons who want to have children and face difficulties in the process. Since the introduction of this project in 2008, the Fund awarded 10,101 vouchers for in vitro fertilization by now 13.01.2017. The vision of the Health Insurance Fund of Macedonia is satisfied insured persons. Our effort, with regards to the in vitro fertilization, is to work much harder in order to help the insured persons who cannot conceive naturally to realize their dream via in vitro fertilization method.

In vitro procedure, as a right, was realized for the first time in 2008 at the expense of the Fund, by means of refund and as of 2010 the insured persons received vouchers upon approval of the Fund.

The figures with regards to this project of the Government are increasing each year as follows: in 2013, out of 1075 requests for in vitro with complete documentation, the Fund gave positive response to 1039 requests. In 2014, out of 1166 requests with complete documentation, the Fund gave positive response to 1060. In 2015, out of 1598 new requests, the Fund gave positive response to 1341, and in 2016 out of total 1862 new requests, the Fund gave positive response to 1588 requests.

We are pleased to inform you that the dynamics for realization of the in vitro program, which is top priority of the Fund, exceeded even our most optimistic expectations, with respect to the number of married couples involved in this procedure as well as the speed and efficiency of its realization.

The trend of increasing the number of vouchers is a result of several novelties provided by the Fund and the country in continuity for the insured persons, such as the novelty from 01.01.2014 for enabling in vitro fertilization for second child, realized at the expense of the Fund. The next novelty was enabling and right to in vitro fertilization for third and fourth child from 28.12.2015, as well as the novelty – the participation in the amount of MKD 6,000 for using health services for in vitro procedures



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(ART) for first, second, third and fourth child to be at the expense of the Fund, **thus making the in vitro service completely free of charge.**

The increased number of approved vouchers for second child is also obvious. In 2016 we approved the 189th voucher for second child, compared to 2015 with the total of 146 vouchers approved. This year, we approved the 10th voucher for third child and the 1st voucher for fourth child.

The health institutions conducting Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) services and having concluded contract with the Fund in 2017 are the following ones: Fertility from Bitola, Dr. Orgadzinski from Stip, Remedika from Skopje, Ultramedika from Skopje, My Hospital from Skopje, Acibadem Sistina from Skopje, University Clinic of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Ginecomedika from Skopje and Inanna System (Newborn Clinic) from Skopje.

You can find all necessary forms, instruction on the manner of realization of the right to ART at the expense of HIFM and all additional information on HIFM website www.fzo.org.mk