

Aetna Institutes of Excellence™ Infertility Clinics
Summary of Criteria
Requirements for Consideration

Request for information (RFI): Clinic must submit a completed, current year, standardized response to the RFI.

Access: Aetna must determine that it has a need for clinic's in vitro fertilization (IVF) services in its Institutes of Excellence network.

Contractual status: There must be an executed, participating agreement covering infertility services, physicians, and all other related costs. All physicians, surgical suites, and embryology laboratories providing infertility services must be participating with Aetna.

Designation process:

Aetna's Institutes of Excellence Oversight Committee (IOEOC) has sole discretion in making final determinations on clinical eligibility.

Program criteria:

Clinical

- Clinic must provide full-service infertility diagnostic and treatment services. "Full-service" care is defined as all of the following: infertility diagnosis services; surgical treatment of correctable causes of infertility; local embryology services (on-site or off-site); ART (assisted reproductive technology), including IVF and frozen embryo transfer; eSET (elective single-embryo transfer); donor egg capability; day five embryo transfer; and access to pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD).
- Clinic must offer eSET for clinically eligible patients in age group less than 35 years.
- Clinic must have a statistically significantly higher live birth rate than the national average and have an average number of embryos transferred *equal to or less than* the national average for fresh non-donor cycles in age group less than 35 years. Or, the clinic must have a statistically equivalent live birth rate and have an average number of embryos transferred *less than* the national average for fresh non-donor cycles in age group less than 35 years.
- Clinic must not have a statistically significantly lower live birth rate than the national average for fresh non-donor cycles in both age group 35-37 years and age group 38-40 years.

Data source: The CDC's ART Fertility Clinic Success Rate Report using an average of the most recent publicly available yearly data plus the previous year's publicly available data.

Data management

- Clinic must have the ability to collect, analyze, and report data, and must submit updated information to Aetna annually.
- Clinic must report IVF data to the CDC annually.
- Clinic must disclose and explain non-reporting to CDC or a change in Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) membership.
- Clinic must be a SART member in good standing.

Program processes

- Clinic must agree to provide timely written notice to Aetna of any changes in its ability to deliver services to its members.
- Clinic must be willing to allow site visits with appropriate Aetna staff.
- Clinic must disclose and explain any history of closure or suspension to the satisfaction of the Institutes of Excellence Oversight Committee (IOEOC).
- Clinic must maintain general and professional liability and other insurance, as necessary.
- Clinic must use a participating facility for all embryology, laboratory, surgical suite, and radiology services (including PGD).
- Clinic must provide a physician staffing list with Aetna upon request.
- Clinic is expected to meet with Aetna contracting and language requirements.
- Clinic is expected to maintain a protocol list that can be shared with Aetna upon request.
- Clinic is expected to notify Aetna of all Aetna members (with and without infertility benefits) seeking IVF care.
- Clinic is expected to use the Aetna Pharmacy formulary and use Aetna Specialty Pharmacy® for gonadotropin.
- Clinic is expected to extend discounted rates to members without IVF benefits.

Staff

- Each physician in clinic who performs oocyte aspirations must perform at least 20 per calendar year.
- All clinic staff must be properly credentialed by Aetna, privileged and reappointed within the scope of their specialty at clinic.

Quality improvement

- A quality improvement program must be in place to the satisfaction of the IOEOC.

Aetna retains the sole discretion to determine designation as an Institutes of Excellence clinic after taking into consideration all of the program criteria, including cost, accessibility, and business needs. Satisfaction of the program criteria is not a guarantee of designation.