

Asked by:

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Treating Infertility

My questions are for the Minister of Health and Social Services. The Government of the Northwest Territories provides services to treat underlying medical conditions that cause infertility.

1. What medical conditions are approved?
2. I have constituents who have underlying medical conditions requiring treatment before fertility treatment, and it is not supported by the GNWT. Who decides what conditions are recognized and which ones are not?
3. If a fertility specialist identifies a condition that needs to be addressed before in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment is possible, why does a Northwest Territories resident need a referral from a Northwest Territories physician? This is administratively burdensome and adds significant time to a process where timing very much matters. Will the Minister create a directive to Medical Travel to accept referrals from specialists outside of the territory rather than the current system that duplicates the process?
4. Given the question of equity of healthcare for birth givers, why are vasectomies and vasectomy reversals covered, whereas fertility treatments for birth givers are not? Who decides what is medically necessary and what is not?

