

# Specialists In Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, P.A.

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## Sweet Sliding Scale Program Patient Information

### Our Purpose:

At Specialists in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, P.A. (SRMS), we understand that many patients would benefit from In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) procedures but are unable to afford them. Our goal is to increase access and affordability of IVF to patients who meet specific medical and financial criteria.

Through this program, SRMS offers **significant discounts from 60% to 70% off our standard IVF fees** to patients who meet both medical and financial criteria. We also work with partner pharmacies to help reduce the cost of IVF medications

SRMS does not discriminate based on sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, or marital status.

### Patient Selection:

#### Basic Requirements:

SRMS offers a limited number of slots each year for the SSSP. We want to make sure your money is well spent and that our efforts are directed to those with a reasonable chance of success. Therefore, a patient will be accepted in the SSSP if all the inclusion criteria are met as listed below:

- The female patient is 25-38 years old, inclusive.
- Female Body Mass Index (BMI) will be 38 or less.
- There are no more than 3 family members in the home.
- Your household income falls within the program's financial limits.
- SRMS concludes that
  - IVF is medically appropriate, and
  - The estimated delivery rate is at least 35% with a single-embryo transfer, based on national data ([SART.org](http://SART.org)) database and SRMS experience.

#### Exclusion Criteria:

- You receive Medicaid or Medicare.
- You currently have insurance coverage for IVF.
- With significant contraindications to pregnancy, where the pregnancy is likely to place you or the pregnancy at considerable risk, as determined by SRMS.
- The patient has already been awarded two SSS discounts (only two procedures will be offered to eligible patients/couples).

**Medical Eligibility:**

As with any infertility patient, you will have to undergo a history & physical exam. Needed procedures include a Fallopian tube patency (HSG) and pelvic ultrasonography. Laboratory studies commonly include confirming ovulation, assessing ovarian reserve, screening for genetic diseases, and testing for infectious diseases. If there is a male partner, they will also need to do blood work and at least one semen analysis. A SSSP Financial Summary is available for your review.

Not every patient needs IVF. If your clinician believes IVF is not the best option, other treatments will be discussed. If IVF makes sense for your situation, then you will have **preliminary acceptance** into the SSSP.

**Financial Eligibility:**

Next, SRMS requires confirmation of the total annual income in the home and the number of people in the home. Homes with three or fewer family members will qualify.

In the chart below, first estimate your family's current size. Next, check whether the combined family income falls within the listed ranges. Finally, scroll down the column to see your discounted fees.

Total Family Size	Sweet Sliding Scale Program!		
	Annual Family Income		
Family Size of 1	\$79,001-94,000	\$60,001-79,000	≤ \$60,000
Family Size of 2	\$106,001-127,000	\$85,001-106,000	≤ \$85,000
Family Size of 3	\$135,001-160,000	\$107,001-135,000	≤ \$107,000
Discount:	<b>60% Off!</b>	<b>65% Off!</b>	<b>70% Off!</b>
IVF Discounted Price: (2026 normal fees: \$23,750)	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$8,312</b>	<b>\$7,125</b>

(Full pricing details are provided by the separate SSSP Financial Summary.)

**Program Pause:**

Due to patient demand, SRMS may pause accepting additional SSSP applications if all available slots are filled. SRMS will accept additional applications once the docket has been reduced.

**Program Termination:**

If at any time SRMS determines it needs to remove a patient from the program, it will do so at its discretion. In addition, it is SRMS's sole discretion to provide the SSSP itself. SRMS reserves the right to end the program at any time. Any funds owed to the patients will be provided within 90 days of program cancellation.

**When will the IVF Procedure Be Performed?**

Once you have the final acceptance into the SSSP:

- SRMS will reserve a spot for you in an upcoming IVF cycle.

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- You must begin treatment within six months of acceptance.
- If treatment is delayed beyond six months, your spot may be given to another patient.
- If you cancel your IVF cycle twice, SRMS may remove you from the program.

### Program Changes:

SRMS reserves the right to:

- Modify the eligibility rules or program details.
- Remove discounts if your inclusion criteria change.
- Remove a patient from the program if necessary.
- Pause the program while we review the existing SSSP patients.
- End the SSSP entirely.

If the program is canceled, any money owed to patients will be refunded.

### Promotions, Public Relations & Scientific Presentations:

SRMS will encourage all SSSP patients, regardless of their outcome, to create a testimonial about their experience. Testimonials may be in written or video format and are optional but strongly encouraged. SRMS hopes that, upon the delivery, the fortunate parent(s) will consider sharing their testimonial and supporting the SSSP on social media.

It is also hoped that SRMS will present the results of the SSSP (patient names will not be released) at a national/international conference to assess the feasibility of having this program offered by others. If SRMS can demonstrate that this program is workable through presentations or publications, we will encourage other IVF facilities in the US to develop their own.

### Required Reporting (CDC/SART):

Your cycle data will be shared, as required by law, with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which works with the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART). This data is confidential and will not be shared without your consent.

### Presumed Order of Steps:

The following is a likely order for the SSSP:

1. Check whether you meet the SSSP criteria. This includes the number of people in the home and an estimate of total annual income that falls within the SSSP guidelines.
2. Be evaluated at SRMS to determine whether IVF is a good option for you and whether you will have an estimated delivery rate with a single embryo transfer of at least 35% according to national databases and internal statistics.
3. After **preliminary acceptance**, we will provide the requested financial information.
4. SRMS will provide **final acceptance** into the SSSP.
5. The IVF procedure will be performed within six months of acceptance into the program.

### No Guarantee:

The practice of medicine is not an exact science. There is no guarantee that the procedures will result in a successful and healthy pregnancy and delivery.

### Legal Concerns:

By signing below you agree to indemnify SRMS for any attorney's fees, court costs, damages, judgments, or any other losses or expenses incurred by SRMS, or for which SRMS, may be responsible with respect to any 'third party' claim, legal action or defense thereto, including, but not limited to any claim or legal action brought by the child or children resulting from the IVF procedures.

### In Summary:

You have read the above materials and understand the SSSP. Your questions have been answered to your satisfaction, and you understand the information provided.

You have read and understand this consent.

_____ Patient's Signature	_____ Patient's Name (print)	____/____/____ Date
_____ Partner's Signature (when applicable)	_____ Partner's Name (print when applicable)	____/____/____ Date
_____ SRMS Representative Signature	_____ SRMS Representative Name (print)	____/____/____ Date

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