

How to lodge a claim for the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Storage Funding Program

Claims for the ART Storage Funding Program are submitted to Services Australia through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS).

Claiming is via a bulk upload .csv file, submitted during claiming periods in January and July of every year. This allows ART Storage Facilities to lodge one bulk claim per clinic in each claiming period.

Your claim file will look like this:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Medicare Card Number	IRN	Patient First Name	Patient Date of Birth	Material Type	Storage Eligibility Reason	Storage Start Date	Storage End Date
2	1234567890	1	Jane	01/01/1980	EGG	CAN	01/07/2023	31/12/2023
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Each claim will cover the previous 6 month period. If you are lodging a claim in July 2024, that claim will be for the period January 2024 to June 2024.

If you miss lodging your claim in July 2024, you will get another opportunity to lodge that claim in January 2025. Claims must be lodged within a rolling 12 month period to be considered for payment.

If your claim is rejected or you make a mistake, you can correct the error and resubmit the claim as many times as you need to, but only during the claiming period.



This table explains how to complete each field on the claim form. Please ensure you record the information exactly as described for each field.

Medicare Card Number	This is the patient's main Medicare card number (10 digits). Please enter this in the claim form with no spaces.
Individual Reference Number (IRN)	This is the number next to the patient's name on the Medicare card (1 digit).
Patient First Name	Ensure this is recorded exactly as it appears on the Medicare card.
Patient Date of Birth	This is entered as DD/MM/YYYY . This field will assist to check the claim details against the Medicare record.
Material Type	This field can be one of 4 entries (3 characters), please ensure the code you enter is correct. EGG - Eggs. EMB - Embryos. ERP - Embryo for reproductive partner (this code is used to signify that embryo ownership has transferred to the reproductive partner following the death of the patient). SPM - Sperm. <i>Note: Patients can access ART Storage Funding for up to 2 types of materials for reason Cancer or Legal Transfer (egg and embryo or sperm and embryo).</i> <i>Note: Patients undergoing Pre-implantation Genetic testing can access ART Storage Funding for embryos provided they have claimed the required Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items.</i>
Storage Eligibility Reason	This field can be one of 3 entries (3 characters). CAN - Patient has undergone treatment for cancer. PGT - Patient has undergone Pre-implantation genetic testing against one or more of the following MBS items: 13207, 73384, 73385, 73386 or 73387. LAT - Patient is deceased, however legal arrangements are underway to transfer ownership to another person.
Storage Start Date	This is entered as DD/MM/YYYY . This is the first applicable date of storage within the relevant storage period. E.g. the storage period is July 2023 to December 2023 and storage started on 24 August 2023 then 24/08/2023 would be entered here.
Storage End Date	This is entered as DD/MM/YYYY . This is the last applicable date of storage within the relevant storage period. Using the example above, the storage end date would align with the end of the relevant claim period, being 31/12/2023.

