



NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

ABOUT THE DISEASE OF INFERTILITY

1 in 8 individuals or couples – more than 440,000 New Yorkers – have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy. Approximately 9% of all cancer patients – about 10,000 New Yorkers annually – are diagnosed with cancer while in their reproductive years, the majority of which are at risk for iatrogenic infertility from their treatment.

67% of individuals or couples with infertility report spending at least \$10,000 on family building, including adoption and medical treatment.

Cost is the #1 barrier to infertility medical treatment and fertility preservation; New York's current infertility insurance law does not cover in vitro fertilization (IVF) nor does it cover fertility preservation for cancer patients.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the World Health Organization recognize infertility as a disease, which means it should be covered by health insurance like other diseases. The American Medical Association has passed a Resolution calling for coverage for fertility preservation for cancer patients.

SUPPORT S. 3148 and A. 2646, THE FAIR ACCESS TO FERTILITY TREATMENT ACT

- Requires insurance coverage for IVF and for fertility preservation when a medical treatment for cancer, for example, can cause infertility.
- While New York currently requires coverage for some infertility treatments, it specifically excludes covering IVF, which is now considered to be the standard of care to treat the disease of infertility and enables patients to protect against infertility arising from certain cancer treatments.
- For many patients, IVF insurance coverage increases the chance of singleton births. A reduction in multiple births decreases overall health care and other costs and can result in healthier babies and mothers.

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