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# An Act Relative to Preserving Fertility

## “ COVERAGE

FOR FERTILITY

PRESERVATION SERVICES

WILL PROVIDE

MUCH NEEDED HOPE

FOR PEOPLE WITH

SERIOUS MEDICAL

CONDITIONS. ”

**Senator Cynthia Creem**

Massachusetts  
Senate Majority Leader

## WHAT DOES THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDE?

This legislation provides insurance coverage for fertility preservation for those facing a medical diagnosis or treatment that can impair fertility, which allows patients to build families in the future.

## WHAT IS FERTILITY PRESERVATION?

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, fertility preservation involves medical procedures to protect cells such as sperm, eggs, or reproductive tissue so that a person can use them to have biological children in the future. The process of cryopreserving reproductive cells is considered standard medical care, conducted by experts in assisted reproductive technology. People with certain diseases, disorders, and life events that affect fertility may benefit from fertility preservation.<sup>1</sup>

## WHAT IS THE COST OF FERTILITY PRESERVATION?

- A 2021 CHIA report found the cost of implementing this legislation would be \$0.04 per member per month.
- Currently, several major insurers in Massachusetts voluntarily offer fertility preservation benefits so this bill does not reflect a fully new expense.

## DO OTHER STATES COVER FERTILITY PRESERVATION?

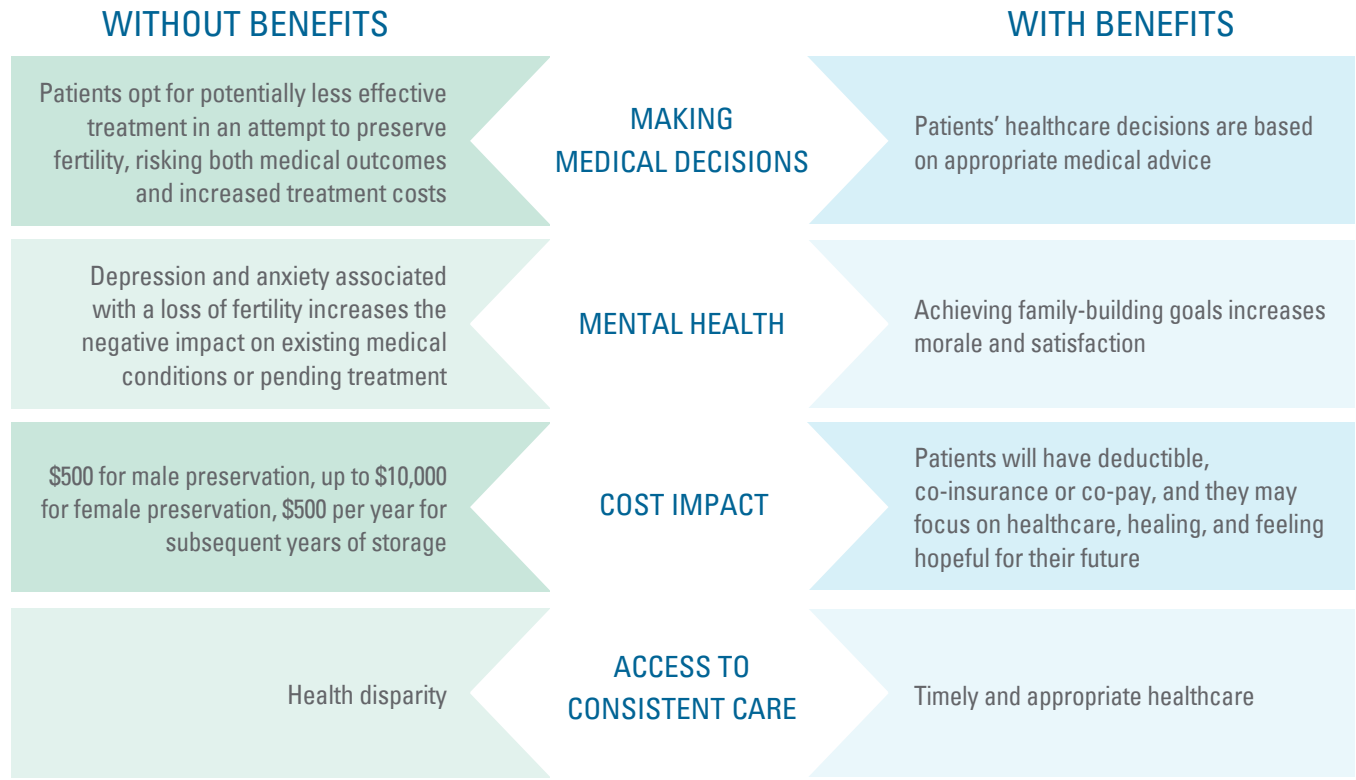
Ten states have passed fertility preservation laws including: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland, Illinois, Delaware, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Colorado and California.<sup>2</sup>

However, several of these laws include benefit limitations that the Massachusetts fertility preservation bill intentionally avoids. Massachusetts has the opportunity to offer fertility preservation coverage to all patients with a medical need.



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## IMPACT OF APPROPRIATE FERTILITY PRESERVATION COVERAGE IN MASSACHUSETTS



“ Massachusetts has proudly been a leader in fertility coverage for over 3 decades. Fertility preservation is an important missing piece in this puzzle. ”

**Rep. Kevin Honan**  
Massachusetts Dean of the House



If you wish to support the **Fertility Preservation** bill or have any questions, contact **Kate Weldon LeBlanc, *Resolve New England***, [kwleblanc@resolvenewengland.org](mailto:kwleblanc@resolvenewengland.org) or **Davina Fankhauser, *Fertility Within Reach***, [admin@fertilitywithinreach.org](mailto:admin@fertilitywithinreach.org).

This fact sheet is a supplement of ***The Policymaker's Guide to Fertility Health Benefits*** — a guide with proprietary and evidence-based data for informed decision making produced by ***Fertility Within Reach***. Ask for your copy today at [admin@fertilitywithinreach.org](mailto:admin@fertilitywithinreach.org) or 857-636-8674.

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