HELPING FAMILIES GROW

People who need IVF and have employer-provided infertility/IVF health insurance have HIGHER SATISFACTION with their employers.¹

70% of patients surveyed reported spending $10,000 or more to build their families.⁴

67% of military-connected families report challenges with family building, including a lack of medical coverage for fertility-related treatments.³

Having a family is FUNDAMENTAL to the lives of many Americans. For many, being unable to have a child is LIFE-ALTERING.

MEN AND WOMEN are both affected by infertility

1 IN 6 PEOPLE globally is affected by infertility.²

The LGBTQ+ community and single parents by choice will need help building their family

INFERTILITY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE based on race, age, sex, socio-economic status, sexuality or religion

Insurance coverage for IVF = Lower rates of multiple births.⁶

62% OF FAMILIES who filed for the Adoption Tax Credit in 2010 BENEFITED from a refundable credit

INFERTILITY LEGISLATION IS PRO-FAMILY

INFERTILITY IS A DISEASE recognized by the American Medical Association and World Health Organization.

COST IS A KEY BARRIER to adoption and to medical treatment for family building (less than half of employers provide financial support for adoption; only 27% of large employers and 14% of small employers provide IVF insurance coverage).¹

Source:
3. Blue Star Families 2021 Military Lifestyle Survey
4. RESOLVE survey, 2017
5. RESOLVE survey, 2016
**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**Access to Care for All Americans**
- There are states in the process of trying to restrict or ban access to IVF.
- We need a federal law that will ensure that everyone, regardless of location, maintains their right to build their chosen families and that healthcare providers are protected from penalization or criminalization.

**Coverage at Work for All Americans**
- Federal Employees have limited options for family building medical care. People who get their health insurance through the Exchanges are shut out of care in most of the U.S.
- Less than half of private employers offer comprehensive benefits to their employees for family building, yet in a recent survey of employers, 97% said that adding infertility coverage did not result in a significant increase in cost.*
- Only 14 states have mandated insurance coverage for infertility treatments that include IVF.

**Removing Barriers for Family Building for Military Families**
- Military families face amplified challenges to family building through assisted reproduction and/or adoption due to frequent deployments and separations, frequent moves to a new duty station, and other military life stressors like food insecurity, spouse underemployment/unemployment, and rising cost of living expenses that delay seeking a diagnosis and treatment.
- TRICARE provides limited access to assisted reproduction, limiting fertility treatments like artificial insemination and IVF for those with a service-connected infertility diagnosis, and is only available to a service member in a legal, heterosexual marriage.
- TRICARE policy currently provides diagnostic services, coital reproductive support, and service-connected medical treatments leaving many military families paying 100% out of pocket for fertility treatments.

**Removing Barriers for Family Building for our Veterans**
- The Veterans Health Administration is prohibited by regulation in providing IVF medical treatments. Through a temporary appropriation from Congress that requires annual approval, some Veterans with service-connected infertility can get limited care.
- Veterans deal with tremendous hurdles in proving their service-connected infertility and securing proof through military documentation.
- Americans who have served our country should have access to care and coverage to build a family, especially if their fertility has been compromised by their military service.

**Bills we support that focus on the needs of people struggling to build their family:**
- Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act
- Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act
- Expanding Access to Fertility Care for Servicemembers and Dependents Act
- Infertility Resolution
- John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act
- PCOS Awareness Month Resolution
- Right to Build Families Act
- Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act
- Veterans Families Health Services Act
- Veterans Infertility Treatment Act of 2023, H.R. 544


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