



Legal coverage for surrogacy and reproductive assistance

One of the many benefits of your Legal Plan

It's one of the most emotionally challenging experiences a person or a couple can go through. You're growing your family, either through surrogacy, egg, sperm, or embryo adoption, and you want to focus on the here and now: the doctor's visits and the sonograms, the hoping, and the building of a dream.

MetLife Legal Plans realizes the complex emotions playing out in this journey and wants to offer guidance and support by covering you for the first 20 hours of legal services and court work related to reproductive assistance matters. Our experienced network attorneys will help you establish the rules around lifestyle, intimate contact, and future relationships within this highly unsettled and contested legal terrain.

Here are some legal issues to consider in surrogacy and reproductive cases:

- Each state has different laws surrounding surrogacy and the adoption or donation of gametes
- Consideration of the rights and obligations of the intended parents
- Consideration of the rights and obligations of the surrogate mother
- Surrogacy attorney fees range from \$5K to \$15K and vary by state, surrogacy agency, and by the law firm¹

The complexity around such cases requires experience and empathy. MetLife Legal Plans cover phone consultations, court appearances, and document reviews with zero out-of-pocket costs. We provide the mental and emotional security that comes with knowing an attorney is helping with your legal matters. It's protection at every step.

Consider this scenario²

Ava and Jade released a simultaneous sigh of relief. They had just spent two hours with their attorney to understand their parental rights should Jade's IUI treatment from a sperm donor result in the conception of a child. They didn't want to go through the emotional labor of selecting a donor until they were fully aware of their protections and right to privacy. Ava's legal plan took the hassle and worry of finding an attorney out of the equation. Now, the couple can move ahead with their plans for building a family with confidence and excitement.



To learn more about your coverages and see our attorney network, create an account at members.legalplans.com or call **800-821-6400**.

1. Klein Fertility Law website, San Diego, CA, 2023.
2. For illustrative purposes only and not based on a true story.

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