

House Bill 1066

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 insurance generally, so as to require health benefit policies to provide coverage for medically
3 necessary expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a necessary medical
4 treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility; to provide for definitions; to
5 provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective
6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fertility Preservation for Chronic
10 Conditions Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance
13 generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

14 "33-24-59.34.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for
17 healthcare services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state by an
18 insurer that provides major medical benefits, including those plans, policies, or contracts
19 executed by the state on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of
20 Title 45.

21 (2) 'Iatrogenic infertility' means an impairment of fertility caused directly or indirectly
22 by surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or other medical treatment for illnesses or
23 conditions, including but not limited to cancer, sickle cell disease, and lupus.

24 (3) 'Insurer' means any person, corporation, or other entity authorized to provide health
25 benefit policies under this title, including a healthcare corporation, health maintenance
26 organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal
27 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or a similar
28 entity.

29 (4) 'Medical treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility' means a
30 medical treatment with a potential side effect of impaired fertility. Such treatment
31 includes but is not limited to surgical removal of the gonads, chemotherapy, radiation
32 therapy, and bone marrow transplantation.

33 (5) 'Standard fertility preservation services' means procedures to preserve fertility that
34 are consistent with established medical practices or professional guidelines. Such
35 services include but are not limited to egg, sperm, embryo, and ovarian tissue
36 cryopreservation.

37 (b) Every health benefit policy renewed or issued after July 1, 2025, shall include coverage
38 for medically necessary expenses for standard fertility preservation services when a
39 necessary medical treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility to a
40 covered person.

41 (c) The Commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the
42 provisions of this Code section in accordance with current guidelines established by

43 professional medical organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology or
44 the American Society for Reproductive Medicine."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
47 without such approval.

48 **SECTION 4.**

49 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.