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Dear Committee

**Submission to the Universal access to reproductive healthcare inquiry**

*Introduce yourself*

*Tell your story about infertility, IVF, surrogacy and accessing Medicare rebates. It is important to share your story about why you need or are considering surrogacy, if you feel comfortable to share. A few sentences is sufficient.*

I wish to make a submission to the committee inquiry into universal access to reproductive healthcare and in particular the cost and accessibility of reproductive healthcare.

The **Medicare Benefits Schedule**, Category 3 Therapeutic procedures Note TN1.4, states:

*Medicare benefits are not payable for assisted reproductive services rendered in conjunction with surrogacy arrangements...’*

Because of the exclusion in the Medicare Benefits Schedule, people needing IVF treatment for surrogacy cannot access rebates. The IVF treatment is the same as for anyone experiencing infertility, the difference is only that the intended parent cannot achieve or carry a pregnancy themselves.

*I think the exclusion is unfair and should be changed because…*

***Proposal:*** I ask that the Committee recommend the removal of the exclusion contained within TN1.4 and allow Medicare rebates for fertility treatment provided in conjunction with a surrogacy arrangement.

You can include paragraphs about other issues contained in the [**terms of reference**](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/ReproductiveHealthcare/Terms_of_Reference) if you wish.

Thank you for considering my submission

Signed

Full Name