



## Becoming a surrogate

Surrogacy is the process by which a surrogate becomes pregnant and gives birth to the intended parents' child, who she is not biologically related to.

Most intended parents turn to surrogacy because they are not able to have children any other way, including those with fertility issues, same sex couples, and those wishing to become single parents.

Becoming a surrogate provides an amazing opportunity to help others fulfill their life-long dreams of becoming parents.



## Compensation

Surrogates are compensated for their time, discomfort, and the medical risks they undertake during the pregnancy and delivery.

Surrogates also receive additional compensation for any additional medical procedures undergone. In addition to compensation, surrogates are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities as a surrogate, which may include co-pays, mileage, lost wages, child care, etc.

**Base Compensation - \$35,000**  
(\$40,000 if you have been a surrogate before)  
\$1,000 upon embryo transfer  
\$1,000 upon pregnancy  
\$4,125 per month for months 1-8  
\$1,000 for maternity clothes  
\$100/month for miscellaneous expenses

Intended parents will also be responsible for paying your legal fees, health insurance (if your health insurance does not cover surrogate pregnancy), life insurance for you, all medical expenses, and all fees and expenses associated with any screenings.

## Eligibility

- Between the ages of 21 and 45
- U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Resident of NY, NJ or VT
- At least 1 prior term pregnancy without significant complications
- Delivered less than 6 children
- Had less than 4 C-sections
- Had less than 2 miscarriages
- Had less than 2 stillbirths
- In good physical and mental health
- BMI below 35
- No diagnoses of Hepatitis B
- No STDs or HIV
- No ongoing issues with eating disorders
- No issues with severe post-partum depression
- Must provide informed consent for surrogacy
- Consumes no more than 1 alcoholic beverage per day
- Drug-free (including marijuana)
- No smoking cigarettes
- No tattoos or body piercings within the last 12 months
- No prior indicated findings of child abuse
- No disqualifying criminal convictions
- Not on probation or parole
- Not a current victim of domestic violence
- Has a stable family environment
- Has consent of spouse, if married
- Has not traveled to a Zika-infected country within last 12 months

# Your Surrogacy *journey*

## 1 Intake & Pre-Screening

- Child abuse/neglect check
- Criminal background check
- HIPAA releases for your OBGYN records
- STD screening
- Drug test
- DMV abstract
- Credit report
- Home visit with surrogate

We will reimburse you for the costs associated with all of these pre-screening steps. We will create a profile for you to review and approve, and you will be ready for the matching phase.

## 2 Matching

We will show your profile to intended parents who may be a good match for you. Once you have been selected, we will arrange a pre-match meeting between you and the intended parents. If you all agree it's a good match, we will officially match you and you will move on to the screening process.

## 3 Medical & Psychological Screening

You will undergo a medical screening and a psychological screening to make sure you all understand the process of surrogacy and the potential emotional impacts associated with surrogacy. Once medical and psychological clearances are obtained, you will be ready to move on to the contract phase.

## 4 Contract Phase

We will provide a referral to an attorney to represent you in the negotiation of a Surrogacy Agreement, which will set forth the terms of your surrogacy arrangement. It will include information about your compensation and your conduct during the pregnancy. The intended parents will be responsible for your legal fees.



## 5 Embryo Transfer

The fertility clinic will schedule the embryo transfer with you and the intended parents. If all goes well, you will become pregnant and the agency will check in with you after each medical appointment. The agency will also make sure that you receive all payments you are entitled to pursuant to the Surrogacy Agreement.

## 6 Parentage Proceeding

The intended parents will have their attorney file a parentage proceeding. Your attorney will send you a consent form to review and sign. The Court will issue a pre-birth Order declaring the intended parents to be the parents of the baby and they will be listed on the baby's original birth certificate.



## 7 Birth

You will let the agency and the intended parents know as soon as labor begins, and the intended parents will be present for your labor and delivery. They will care for and bond with the baby at the hospital and the baby will be discharged to them.

## 8 Post-Birth

You will be compensated for your lost wages, if any, while you recover from childbirth. You will also receive any final payments due to you under the Surrogacy Agreement and your surrogacy journey will be complete.

Contact us to schedule a time to talk about the process and ask any questions you have about the agency or about surrogacy in general. We will send you our application and instructions for completing the pre-screening process.

