

# A- 1926

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## **Brief Description:**

Requires health insurers to cover medically necessary expenses for preventing infertility in women undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

**Sponsor:** A1926 Conaway (D-7)

## **Reasons to Support:**

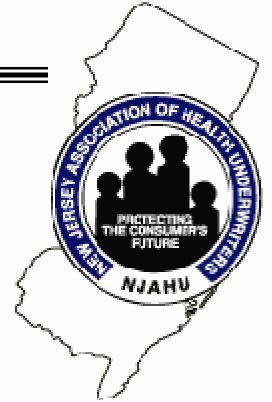
- The program will improve the Cancer patient's chances of becoming pregnant after the cancer treatment has concluded.
- This program will improve the member's quality of life.
- The drugs that kill cancer cells can also destroy a woman's eggs.

## **Reasons to Oppose:**

- It will increase costs to employers covering more than 50 persons.
- Potential for higher risky pregnancy charges.
- Studies indicate that young women undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy have a 40% to 80% chance of subsequent infertility. This means that there is a 20% to 60% chance that the services wouldn't be necessary.
- The cost of oocyte cryopreservation is an average of \$8,000 which includes a \$350 annual storage fee for the frozen eggs.

## **NJAHU Position:**

**Oppose – This bill will increase the cost of care and will not improve cancer outcomes. The increase in cost of care will drive more membership out of health plans. It will increase the cost for larger employers providing coverage for their employees. 2.27.2010**



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