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I am a pediatrician working for and taking care of low income families. I have been trying for nine years to conceive and after paying close to \$100,000 for IVF treatments we are finally pregnant with our first child. Why is my infertility issue any different than any other medical issue. I take care of families that have 7, 9, 11 children and not only is this all done free of cost (naturally) but insurance pays for the pregnancy, the testing and a lot of the birth fees. If a woman has cancer we pay for this, depression, severe acne, needs surgeries like hysterectomies, treatment for glaucoma, this is paid for. Why is having a child, the most natural human right not supported, but sight and happiness are paid for. This amount of money has taken away so much from my partner and I, from our ability to save, to be able to pay off car loans and home improvements. Worst of all, so many couples who do not have the financial means to be able to pay for infertility either take our big expensive loans or just are not able to have a family at all. We are just asking for the same as other countries do who support infertility in their population as a medical need. My infertility is caused by premature ovarian insufficiency (POI), early menopause which I went into in my 30's. I didn't wait to long, I don't have some other condition that caused this. POI is idiopathic, meaning they don't know what causes it. However, many women don't know b/c taking birth control pills to prevent from getting pregnant and/or being on an IUD makes you get a monthly period because OCP's are also actually one of the treatments for POI to help keep your hormones similar to a woman your own age not in menopause. So, a woman has no idea that she is in early menopause until she either comes off contraceptives and doesn't have regular periods and/or she tries to get pregnant and cannot conceive and testing confirms this diagnoses.

Just conceiving, having their own child, is enough to prevent so much negative mental health in couple who just wants a family. Thank you for your times