

# New Jersey proposal expands infertility coverage to lesbians

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A federal lawsuit brought by a New Jersey lesbian couple who want to have a baby may mean insurance coverage for women who currently don't meet the state's definition of infertile.

Erin Krupa was denied [insurance coverage](#) for infertility treatments essentially because she failed to show she couldn't get pregnant by having sex with a man. New Jersey law for [insurance](#) purposes defines infertility as the result of failure to conceive after a certain period of unprotected sex.

Krupa's insurer eventually agreed to the coverage, based on her doctor's diagnosis. But she says she is pursuing the lawsuit as a civil rights matter.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers may consider legislation next month to change the definition of [infertility](#) to apply to lesbians, women without partners and those who have protected sex.

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