

Surrogate  
Services  
International



Intended Parents  
Information Packet

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## SSI Client Information Packet

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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to one of the most exciting and gratifying experiences of your life.

Surrogate Services International is a full service fertility-matching agency based in the surrogate friendly state of Pennsylvania USA. Operating worldwide, we have assisted parents achieve the dream of parenthood in places including but not limited to USA, Australia, Italy, United Kingdom, Norway and France.

Since our agency was founded on personal experience, we completely empathize with the fact that by the time many of our clients reach us they have exhausted other avenues of becoming parents feeling jaded and heartbroken. We are here to help relieve that stress and get you on the path to success.

S.S.I was founded by an experienced unpaid, anonymous egg donor & surrogate who is acutely aware of what it takes to be a qualified egg donor and/or surrogate.

Our team includes several attorneys who have more than 30 years' experience collectively in contract law. Their expertise in establishing legal parentage by way of creating contracts between intended parents, surrogates, surrogates and egg donors alike together with filing pre-birth orders is unsurpassed.

If you are like most intended parents, you have probably conducted a great deal of your own research prior to coming to us yet still have unanswered questions such as,

- Where do I/we start?
- Is the process legal?
- What is the cost?
- Why should I/we use an agency?

These may be just some of your questions that remain unanswered and for this reason we offer all potential clients an absolutely obligation free no charge one hour consultation if you still have questions upon receipt of this proposal.



## 2. How will S.S.I work for me/us?

The process can be like putting together a giant jig saw puzzle with a million little pieces and if one piece is out of place the big picture would remain incomplete.

The following information will briefly outline how S.S.I will manage each aspect of the process on behalf of the Intended parents.



## **2.1 Surrogate**

S.S.I diligently screens all potential surrogates and provides intended parents with several profiles to begin the matching process. Candidates must meet strict requirements set in place by our agency while adhering to all requirements of The American Society of Reproductive Medicine (herein referred to as ASRM).

S.S.I drafts and negotiates contracts between intended parents and the surrogate, liaising with the attorney of the surrogate when appropriate.

All potential surrogates and their partners must undergo extensive, psychological screenings, financial checks, medical screenings, employment verification, child abuse clearance and we are one of the few agencies that conduct in home visits to ensure our surrogates live in an environment that is conducive to a happy, healthy and safe pregnancy.

## **2.3 Egg Donor**

Not unlike the surrogate/ surrogate egg donors are diligently screened in accordance with ASRM guidelines and required to complete a profile for matching purposes.

S.S.I drafts and negotiates contracts between intended parents and the egg donor, liaising with the egg donor's attorney when appropriate.

## **2.4 IVF Clinic**

S.S.I acts as the go-to point if there are any issues, concerns or problems during the process.

The legal team at S.S.I prepares affidavits for the attending IVF physician to complete to be submitted to the court to assist with obtaining legal parentage for the intended parents.

## **2.5 OBGYN Office**

S.S.I prepares a HIPPA release form(s) on behalf of the surrogate/surrogate and/or egg donor to have all medical history released for review by the IVF physician.

## **2.6 Fertility Pharmacy**

S.S.I acts, as liaison between the fertility pharmacies, the IVF clinic, the surrogate/surrogate and egg donor to ensure that all medications are dispensed in a timely manner and that billing is correct.

## **2.7 Psychologist**

The purpose of the psychological evaluation is to establish if the potential surrogates and donors together with their partners have ever suffered with, have a family history of or are predisposed to conditions including but not limited to post-partum depression, clinical depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, alcoholism, hyperactivity or suicidal tendencies.

After having met with the candidate and their partner, sometimes on several occasions the psychologist/psychiatrist will provide an extensive report the attending IVF physician giving recommendations on whether they believe the candidate is suitable for the program.

## **2.8 Third party attorney / Law Firms**

S.S.I works with the attorney of the surrogate/surrogate and/or egg donor to successfully negotiate terms of the contract(s).

## **2.9 Court System**

S.S.I ensures all relevant contracts, pre-birth orders, motions and pleadings with the Court of Common Pleas (Family Court Division) to establish legal parentage are filed in a timely manner. In most cases there are approximately nineteen (19) filings to be submitted to the court. This may vary depending on the jurisdiction and each individual case.

## **2.10 Immigration and Embassy liaison (if and when required).**

If the intended parents reside outside the USA, S.S.I will work on behalf of the intended parents to obtain Citizenship to their home country for the child(ren) born in the USA. Including Apostille Certification of document(s), passport accompaniment and processing, embassy/ consulate office accompaniment

## **2.11 Department of Health and Vital Statistics**

S.S.I works in conjunction with the legal counsel of the Department of Health and Vital Statistics to ensure said Legal Counsel has completed the required affidavit to submit to the files all relevant court documents in order to ensure the intended parents are listed on the birth certificate.



## 2.12 Background checks and clearance services

S.S.I completes extensive background checks of all potential surrogates, egg donors and any partner they may have and any other adults that may reside with them, including but not limited to,

- Criminal background check both State and Federal
- Employment History
- Residential History
- Child Abuse Checks
- Financial Checks
- Confirmation of identity
- In home visits

## 2.13 Trust Account



All funds received from the intended parents shall be held in a trust account to cover monthly expenses of the surrogate / surrogate with monthly cost accounting report provided to the intended parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.

Funds shall not be disbursed without the expressed written consent (e-mail will suffice) of the intended parents, all expenses to be paid to the carrier from the trust account must be agreed to by all parties at the time of the contract signing.

## Expenses

*It's no secret that IVF treatment and the use of a surrogate is expensive, however in order to make the services more accessible and the expenses far less overwhelming Surrogate Services International is committed to assisting all clients find payment options that best fit their budget and lifestyle, including but not limited accepting payments via credit card and making payments monthly as opposed to lump sum payments.*

*In addition Surrogate Services International will work diligently to ensure that any medical insurance both you and your surrogate may have is used when coverage is available.*

*\*The following is an example of typical expenses encountered by most intended parents. By no means should this be interpreted as an exact quote or guarantee of cost. All items are listed in US Dollars. Surrogate Services International accepts no responsibility for fees charged to clients for banking and/or credit card transactions.*

Item	Expense
<p><b>Surrogate Services International Agency Fee.</b></p> <p><i>This includes approx 12 months worth of work, advertising, recruiting, background checks, in home visits, completed psychological evaluation of all parties with qualified psychologist, liaison with IVF Clinics, OBGYN care providers, attorney's hospital's, all communications between all third parties, managing trust account etc</i></p>	\$12,000.00
<p><b>Egg Donor Fee</b></p> <p><i>*approximately could be less or more depending on donor profile</i></p>	\$7,000.00
<p><b>Surrogate Fee</b></p> <p><i>*Minimum could be as high as \$35,000.00 depending on the carrier profile</i></p>	\$25,000.00
<p><b>Misc. Surrogate Expenses</b> <i>*approximately, could be less or more</i></p>	\$1,500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$45,500.00</b>

*Legal Fees	Amount
Egg Donor Contract Drafting	\$1,250.00
Surrogate Contract Drafting	\$2,500.00
Third Party Attorney For Surrogate Contract Review	\$1,250.00
Court Actions To Establish Parentage – Surrogate Action	\$3,500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>

Psychological Evaluations	Amount
Psychological evaluation of egg donor (\$385.00)	<i>Included in the agency fee</i>
Psychological evaluation of surrogate and spouse (\$500.00)	
Psychological evaluation of intended parents and group evaluation with intended parents and surrogate and her spouse (\$1000.00)	

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<i>Sub Total (\$1885.00) Paid by Surrogate Services International</i>	
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IVF Egg Donor Fee Schedule	Amount
Physician Consultation & Ultra Sound	\$450.00
Nursing Consult for Cycle Management	\$250.00
Pre-admission testing and FDA Screening	\$3,000.00
Egg Donor Medications	\$4,000.00
<p>Ovulation Induction Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consists of daily monitoring by a physician of blood test results.</li> <li>• Ultrasound</li> <li>• Determining appropriate drug therapy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laboratory Services                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Estradiol</li> <li>▪ Progesterone</li> <li>▪ Luteinizing Hormone</li> <li>▪ Venipuncture</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Ultrasounds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$3,500.00
<p>IVF and Embryology Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ultrasound and guided egg retrieval – physician fee</li> </ul>	\$1,700.00
<p>IVF Laboratory Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes identification with oocytes, cultures and fertilization of embryos</li> </ul>	\$4,800.00
Anesthesia fee for egg retrieval	\$450.00
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$18,795.00</i>

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IVF Surrogate Fee Schedule	Amount
Surrogate initial Consult with MD and Ultrasound	\$450.00
Pre-admission testing carrier (per partner)	\$1,500.00
Office Hysteroscopy	\$850.00
Mock embryo transfer	\$120.00
Nursing Consult with surrogate	\$250.00
Surrogate medications	\$500.00
<b>Synchronization of Cycles and Ovulation Induction Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consists of daily monitoring by a physician of laboratory results</li> <li>○ Ultrasounds</li> <li>○ Determining appropriate drug therapy</li> </ul>	\$2,000.00
<b>Laboratory Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Estradiol Levels</li> <li>○ Progesterone Levels</li> <li>○ FSH</li> <li>○ HCG</li> <li>○ Venipuncture</li> </ul>	\$1,240.00
Preparation of embryo for transfer	\$750.00
Embryo transfer by physician fee	\$750.00
IVF Laboratory supplies	\$100.00
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$19,765</i>
<b><i>Estimated Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$94,445.00</i></b>

*\*The above lists of costs are subject to change without notification and amounts should be considered an estimate only and should not be construed as an exact quote for services. All IVF fees, legal fees are paid directly to the respective service providers. Surrogate Services International does not accept or make payments on behalf of the intended parents for any of the above service providers.*

## **Appendix A: Awards, Associations, Memberships and Qualifications of Surrogate Services International**

### **2012 Philadelphia Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award**

<http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2012/03/15/40-under-40-winners-announced-by.html>

*TJ Henderson CEO of Surrogate Services International was the proud recipient of The 2012 Philadelphia Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award.*

### **2012 Smart CEO Magazine Brava Award**

*TJ Henderson CEO of Surrogate Services International was the proud recipient of The 2012 Smart CEO Magazine Brava Award for Female CEO's.*

### **American Society of Reproductive Medicine**

[www.asrm.org](http://www.asrm.org)

*The Vision of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) is to be the nationally and internationally recognized leader for multidisciplinary information, education, advocacy and standards in the field of reproductive medicine. The ASRM is a non-profit organization whose members must demonstrate the high ethical principles of the medical profession, evince an interest in infertility, reproductive medicine and biology, and adhere to the objectives of the Society.*

### **Resolve**

[www.resolve.org](http://www.resolve.org)

**RESOLVE:** *The National Infertility Association, established in 1974, is a non-profit organization with the only established, nationwide network mandated to promote reproductive health and to ensure equal access to all family building options for men and women experiencing infertility or other reproductive disorders.*

### **American Fertility Association**

[www.theafa.org](http://www.theafa.org)

*The American Fertility Association (The AFA), a 501 (c) (3) national non-profit organization is a lifetime resource for infertility prevention, reproductive health and family building. AFA services and materials are provided free of charge to consumers and available to everyone without reservation. These services include an extensive online library, monthly online webinars, telephone and in-person coaching, a resource directory, an "Ask the Experts" online feature, daily fertility news and a toll-free support line. The AFA was created in 1999 by founding executive director Pamela Madsen.*

### **Fertility Authority**

[www.fertilityauthority.com](http://www.fertilityauthority.com)

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**American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys**

[www.resolve.org](http://www.resolve.org)

**Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce**

[www.greaterphilachamber.com](http://www.greaterphilachamber.com)

**Professional Women's Roundtable**

[www.PWRoundtable.com](http://www.PWRoundtable.com)

**Association for Homosexual Parents – France**

[www.adfh.net](http://www.adfh.net)

TJ Henderson was the Keynote speaker at annual Surrogacy Conference.  
Paris France April 2011

**Equality Forum Philadelphia**

[www.equalityforum.com](http://www.equalityforum.com)

Participant/sponsor of the Philadelphia Equality Forum.

**Philadelphia Family Pride Conference**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/108683362561637/>

Key note speaker on Surrogacy and Egg Donation.

**The Pyramid Club - Professional Women's Committee**

TJ Henderson is the Chair of the Professional Women's Committee

[www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Pyramid-Club](http://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/Pyramid-Club)

**The Fertility Show London**

Surrogate Services International is a participant and resource for information on surrogacy and egg donation in the USA

[www.fertilityshow.co.uk](http://www.fertilityshow.co.uk)

## **Appendix B: Disclaimer**

*This document serves only as informational and should not be considered a contract. Potential clients and S.S.I are under no obligation to enter into a working agreement upon receipt of this document.*

*Information contained herein is not intended to be legal or medical advice and should not be construed as such.*

*Each individual case will have numerous variables and information contained herein is to serve as a guide only and is not guarantee of pricing or services.*