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Quebec and PEI Programs Funding Assisted Reproductive Services and Care

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According to the World Health Organization (WHO), infertility is a disease of the reproductive system defined by the failure to achieve a clinical pregnancy after 12 months or more of regular unprotected sexual intercourse [1]. Infertility impacts the lives of approximately 1 in 6 Canadians and can result in significant psychological and emotional distress, including low self-esteem, depression, diminished well-being, feelings of sexual inadequacy and isolation, and strain on their relationship.

The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society recognizes the right to build a family as an essential human right and has always maintained its position of support for publicly funded IVF treatment in Canada [2]. As such, the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society supports and applauds Quebec's decision to introduce public funding for assisted reproductive healthcare services to people struggling with infertility and individuals wishing to conceive. Likewise, the CFAS supports and applauds Prince Edward Island's decision to offer up to \$10 000 to help cover the cost of fertility treatments for PEI residents under a new program beginning in January 2021.

We hope other provinces will follow suit and move to offer similar funding opportunities for assisted reproduction.

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