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Speaker 1:

The way you choose a surrogate is most generally through an agency. You want this person who is healthy, who has had children in the past, she's gone through rigorous psychological screening, she's gone through medical screening, and it's not cheap. Fees for using a surrogate vary. This process from beginning to end can be as high as \$100,000. No state allows you to buy a baby, so what you are paying for is pain and suffering, inconvenience. If this woman, the gestational carrier, has other children, perhaps childcare. If she's put on bedrest, she might need house cleaning surfaces. So, the compensation is meant to keep her from having to expend any money.