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The Economics of Eggs

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In tonight's medical watch: it costs a lot and the rewards are tiny, but all involved are happy as some young women are cashing in on medicine during these tough financial times.

Call it egg economics.

For one young woman, the money was too tempting. "I thought, wow, my sister got a lot of money for it, maybe I could do it too, said Taryn Frazelle, a 22-year-old with healthy eggs. She was intrigued by the idea that she could pay off school, go shopping, pay off my credit cards, take a trip, or save the egg donation money.

And in the process, she could save an infertile couple, desperately seeking to get pregnant. "I totally believe it's good. I feel like I'm giving back in a way, said Frazelle. She has given the egg donation process a shot 4 times now, taking the pill to regulate her cycle. There are ultrasounds, blood draws, and shots before egg retrieval. All together the process takes about 3 months.

Taryn Frazelle takes three needles a day. Its no easy task, but the lure is there because it is so lucrative.

Nancy Block, a registered nurse at the Center for Egg Options tells WGN "Up front they do think about the financial rewards but once they get to the doc's office and they meet other recipients or infertile patients and they are so grateful. It's very rewarding," she says.

And it's on the rise. Babies are born to fertility patients at a 70% success rate with egg donation. Some sign up before they've had children, others when they have finished their own families.

Companies like the Center for Egg Options advertise in local student papers and on the Internet.

It's great money, but you're helping another family get pregnant, have a child, and have a family. Even in this economy, people still want a baby.

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