

# Homegrown Midwifery

## Midwifery Services Financial Agreement

The purpose of this contract is for each party to have a clear understanding of the financial obligations involved in midwifery care and to feel that a fair and equitable payment plan has been reached.

**I. The Global Fee for midwifery services is \$3200.** This is the amount that will be charged to your insurance. If your insurance pays less than this amount, you are responsible for the remainder. Payments must be made during the course of prenatal care and you will be reimbursed upon receipt of your insurance payment after your birth. If you live outside a 50 mile radius from Las Cruces, the fee is \$4000 to include re-imbusement for gas. If you have no insurance and are paying out of pocket, you are eligible for a cash-pay discount. Families receiving Medicaid will not be asked to pay more than the amount Medicaid pays.

Your global fee includes prenatal care, our attendance at your birth, the newborn exam, and 6 postpartum visits. The midwife will pay her assistants from the global fee.

Possible medications that may be used and are included in the global fee are:

- Pitocin and/or Methergine for control of maternal hemorrhage
- Routine Erythromycin and Vitamin K Prophylaxis for the newborn

**II. Payment schedule** will depend on the amount of time you are in our care and the individual circumstances of your family budget. Care is begun with receipt of a **non-refundable deposit of \$500**. This covers your initial intake paperwork and review of medical history and reserves your estimated due date as a time when we will limit the number of other clients we can accept concurrently. See Insurance Consent for additional information.

### **III. Additional costs in your routine care:**

- In-office Venipuncture (blood draws) and pap exams. You are responsible for paying the laboratory fees for these and any lab work that is sent out of our office, including ultrasounds.
- A birth kit that can be ordered around 34-36 weeks which contains all of the disposable supplies that will be needed at the birth. This costs around \$70-80. Insurance will sometimes refund this.
- If suturing is required, and beyond my skill set, there is an option to have another midwife come in for suturing at her own set rate that will need to be settled at the time of suturing.
- Newborn Screens to test for metabolic disorders come in a set and cost \$115, and will require you make a separate payment to cover.
- Rhogam prenatally (optional) and postpartum (required) if you are a negative blood type.

**Private Childbirth Classes** may be arranged with the midwife at a discounted rate of \$100.00 for a set of 4 classes in a group or \$125 for private classes to work around a schedule.

**IV. Refunds** for transfer of care before 36 weeks will be determined by the number of appointments that have been performed. In addition to the \$500 deposit, \$100 for each office appointment and \$125 for each

appointment in the client's home or other location will be deducted from the amount refunded from any prepaid fee.

- If transport to the hospital occurs during the labor due to complications or maternal request while under the care of the midwife, Homegrown Midwifery will be paid in full and no refunds will be made.

- If the client is referred to the hospital after 36 weeks of pregnancy and prior to the onset of labor and Homegrown Midwifery midwives are not present at the transport/birth, one half of the birth fee (\$500) will be refunded.

- If the client chooses not to contact Homegrown Midwifery at the onset of labor, the birth fee will not be refunded.

- Homegrown Midwifery will be paid in full if the midwife/assistant/intern or a substitute arrives after the birth as a result of delayed notification or precipitous birth. Homegrown Midwifery midwives will make every effort possible to arrive at the client's home quickly and safely and poor traffic or weather conditions cannot always be anticipated, delayed arrival due to these circumstances are not grounds for refund for services and the midwife will continue to carry out the immediate postpartum care.

-If another midwife outside of the Homegrown Midwifery practice is called in as back up (as in the event that Homegrown Midwifery has multiple clients in labor at the same time, or the midwife is unable to attend a birth for any unforeseen circumstance), Homegrown Midwifery will be paid in full and will in turn pay the substitute midwife.

-It is clearly understood that Homegrown Midwifery reserves the right to terminate care and not to attend the birth if full payment is not received as agreed above. In the event payment is not made and Homegrown Midwifery withdraws from providing care, the client will be immediately informed in person or by telephone and in writing. A refund of any fees paid in excess of the non-refundable deposit and the amount equivalent to the prenatal appointments accrued will be paid to the client.

I have read and understand the financial contract and agree to its terms.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Midwife Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Agreement Per Midwife and Client: