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Client Contract

Client Responsibilities

In order to minimize risks, it is necessary for mothers, partners and their families to be responsible for their own health. This will include a balanced healthy lifestyle and receiving appropriate prenatal care. In turn this will require gathering knowledge and skills that are necessary for pregnancy, labour, birth and the early postpartum period. The philosophy of midwifery care includes informed decision making. It is the professional responsibility of your midwives to inform you of the risks and benefits associated with choices and decisions in your pregnancy and it is the responsibility of the Client to ask questions and ensure understanding to make the best healthcare management decisions for themselves in pregnancy.

Place of Birth

As with any choice of birthplace, including home, hospital and birth center, there are risks and benefits. It is your responsibility to become informed and make a decision based on your individual preferences, risks and benefits regarding a particular birthplace. There are resources and evidence-based research located on our website www.honeycombmidwives.ca to help inform your decision making. At your prenatal appointments you have an opportunity to discuss choice of birthplace with your midwife. Your midwife may advise against a particular birthplace depending on your individual risk factors or other logistical factors.

Midwifery Care

Your care under a midwife in Alberta is insured by Alberta Health if you have a valid Alberta Health Care number. Your care includes prenatal care, care for labour, birth and the postpartum period for up to 6 weeks. You will have access to your midwives by phone/pager for urgent concerns. In the case that your pregnancy is deemed high risk your Midwife may need to transfer care to an Obstetrician.

Ethical Care

Midwives at Honeycomb care for clients of all ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, cultures and religions. We are committed to individualizing care for your clients – if there is a way that we can improve your care we encourage you to discuss it with your Midwife.

Midwives must obtain consent prior to examinations, assessments, treatments or procedures. We understand that pregnancy and postpartum care may be uncomfortable and sensitive in nature. Your Midwife is committed to ensuring that you feel comfortable, safe and respected.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__

Client Name:

Signature:

Witness (Midwife/Admin)

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