



# Placenta Encapsulation Contract

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Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey!

Placenta encapsulation is the process of taking a raw placenta after birth, and turning it into consumable capsules. Each placenta is handled with respect and education to give you the best product possible. I adhere to OSHA guidelines to ensure proper sanitary procedures, and safety. Placenta capsules are not meant to replace any treatment or prescribed medications from your medical provider. I am not a licensed medical provider, and cannot treat or prescribe for any health conditions.

Ongoing research has supported the benefits of placenta consumption, but these benefits have not been evaluated, researched or approved by the FDA.

Each woman will react differently to her placenta. It is your responsibility to determine if using placenta capsules is beneficial to you postpartum.

## Client responsibilities:

- It is the client's responsibility to discuss with your care provider your intent to keep your placenta. Be aware of any policies, or release forms you may need for the release of the placenta.
- It is the client's responsibility to contact me as soon as possible after birth so we can arrange transfer of the placenta.
- If we are not able to coordinate prompt pick up, the placenta must be refrigerated or put in a cooler with ice within 3-4 hours following birth. Discuss with your provider before birth if there will be a refrigerator available, or if you need to provide a cooler.
- If the placenta cannot be transferred within four day it is to be frozen.
- Failure to properly care for the placenta may result in spoilage, rendering it unsuitable for encapsulation.
- It is also your responsibility to inform me of any known blood-borne illnesses or health issues that could potentially place me at risk. Some specific diseases that may preclude me from offering placental services in my home include HIV and Hepatitis. Failure to disclose known, harmful bloodborne disease may result in legal action.
- In the event that you decide you no longer wish to encapsulate your placenta, please contact me as soon as possible (Note: deposits are non-refundable.)
- Payments are due in full when I collect your placenta for encapsulation.

\_\_\_\_\_(clients initials)

**Placenta Specialist Responsibilities:**

I will always keep your information confidential.

I am committed to picking up, preparing and delivering your placenta to you or a residence of your choosing, unless other arrangements have been made and agreed upon.

I will uphold the highest standard of safety, cleanliness, and quality of professional placenta preparation services.

If, for reason of my own fault I am not able to encapsulate your placenta I will promptly issue a full refund.

**When a Placenta Cannot Be Encapsulated:**

It is important to note that there are some circumstances that will make it so that we are unable to encapsulate your placenta. Such examples include:

A placenta that has spoiled.

A placenta that has abnormalities may be sent by your care provider to pathology. It may be difficult, or not possible, to get it back depending on the circumstances, and there is a risk of exposure to chemicals if it is returned.

If you develop an infection during labor your placenta may not be viable for encapsulation. The presence of bacteria can be harmful to you if ingested.

**Under the circumstance that the placenta is not fit for encapsulation I will still provide keepsake services.**

**Refunds:**

Under the circumstance that your placenta disposed of by the hospital, or you are otherwise unable to get it back at no fault of your own, you will be issued a full refund.

If you choose to terminate this contract you are eligible for a refund, but you will forfeit the \$50 deposit.

If I have already taken possession of the placenta and you then choose not to move forward with services, no refund will be issued. I will return your placenta to you promptly for disposal or whatever purpose you have chosen.

**Client agreement:**

I have read, understand, and agree to all the above information. I accept the responsibility of gaining possession of my placenta, and notifying my placenta specialist as soon as possible after birth. I understand the importance of appropriate handling and storage of the placenta.

I authorize the release of my placenta to Molly Ray for the purpose of placenta encapsulation and keepsake preparation for my own personal use.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Client Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)