



## **Luna Midwifery Services Contract**

Luna is honored to be entrusted with your care. This contract outlines the financial expectations and responsibilities of the patient to the midwife as well as the routine services provided by the midwife to the patient, refund policies, termination and transfer of care procedures.

### **Section 1: Parties**

This agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ and Agueda Beck CNM, APRN RN hereafter referred to as the “Patient(s)”, and Agueda Beck Certified Nurse Midwife in the State of Florida.

### **Section 2: Services**

Standard Maternity Care Services included in the Global Maternity Fee:

- Comprehensive prenatal office visits with the midwife and/or her agents as follows: one visit per month until 28 weeks gestational age (WGA); every other week from 29-35 WGA, and weekly from 36 WGA to birth.
- Phone and email contact throughout pregnancy for questions or complications. If your midwife is “off call” for an extended time you will be provided with the contact information of another midwife who will provide that support during your midwife’s off call time.
- Normal Intrapartum care. It is our practice and intent, barring unforeseen circumstances such as precipitous birth, that there will be at least 2 qualified attendants, at least one of whom is a licensed midwife, present at your birth to ensure comfort and safety of both birthing person and baby. The midwife will monitor birthing person and baby throughout active labor and the immediate postpartum period.
- 1 Newborn examination.
- Chest feeding support.
- Perineal tissue repair if needed (1st or 2nd degree).
- Postpartum visits for patient and baby at 2 weeks and 6 weeks.

- Personalized, competent care provided to patients throughout their pregnancy, labor, birth and postpartum time.
- Filing for a birth certificate, including the application for the social security card.

The Global Maternity Fee DOES NOT include:

- Birth Kit from [www.inhishands.com](http://www.inhishands.com)) and any optional items that you choose for your birth such as water birth supplies.
- Water birth supplies such as pool liner, new hose (to fill pool), faucet to hose adapter, 5 gallon bucket
- Medications such as Rhogam, antibiotics, Vitamin K, or eye ointment
- Consultation or care with a maternal fetal medicine specialist or obstetrician.
- Referred services for ultrasounds, Biophysical Profile, Non-Stress test, chiropractic, massage, acupuncture, psychotherapy, homeopathy practitioner, etc.
- Physician, hospital, laboratory, and anesthesia charges, in the event of a transfer of care.
- EMS charges for emergency services in the home and/or transport to hospital.
- Independent contractors, such as Childbirth Educators, Birth and/or Postpartum Doula, or Lactation Specialists. We can provide information and referrals for these services as needed.
- Medications that you or your baby require including recommended supplements or herbs.
- Newborn hearing screenings
- Newborn metabolic screenings

### **Services not provided by Luna Birth Services**

- Hospital or cesarean births, other than birth support; we are not responsible for any expenses that occur as a result of transport
- Suturing of perineal tissue with a third or fourth degree tear
- Deliveries using forceps or vacuum
- Vaccinations

- Hearing screenings
- Circumcision
- Newborn metabolic screenings

Anesthesia

Patients will pay for and supply the following :

- Laboratory/diagnostic tests recommended by Luna necessary in providing prenatal care to the birthing person and baby and aid in the detection and management of possible birth complications- usually covered by all insurances
- Box of curated homebirth supplies
- Rh Antibody Testing and Rhogam treatment: In the case of an Rh-negative birthing person and an Rh positive infant, including cord samples lab work to determine baby's blood type- covered by all insurances
- Prescriptions & non-prescription medications, or herbal supplements, needed for the birthing person and/or infant related to the present pregnancy and postpartum care- prescription medications are covered by insurance
- Emergency expenses that may include transportation, emergency room and physician expenses, surgery and medications; or any standard hospital, clinical, physician, nursing, or doula expenses related to the present pregnancy & postpartum care

Initials\_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 3: Fees**

The global maternity fee for the standard maternity care services outlined above is \$5500.

All fees must be paid by the first day of the 37th week of pregnancy as calculated by your Midwife.

Payment is due on or before the monthly dates outlined in the payment plan. Ensuring that payment obligations are met is the responsibility of the patient. The midwife will accept payment at the beginning of each appointment or via apps such as CashApp, Zelle and Square in the event

that arrangements have been made. Patients who miss or fail to make a payment are at risk for termination of care.

The practice requires an initial, non-refundable deposit of half the global fee upon signing of this contract, prior to the start of care. \$500 will be applied toward a retainer fee. Luna takes a limited number of patients due each month and the midwife plans her schedule of patients around bookings, therefore the retainer is non-refundable, whether the patient terminates care or is transferred out of care for any reason. Medicaid clients will be responsible for the \$500 retainer fee upon their first visit.

At 36 weeks the global maternity fee must be paid in full.

A deposit of is due upon returning the signed contract at their 1st visit. Moreover, without this payment, a pregnant person will not be considered a patient of Luna and no spot will be held for her eventual labor and birth.

Luna highly recommends the use of a doula during labor, accommodations will be made so that funds can be used toward a doula. Student doulas or family members do not count.

All Luna clients are expected to enroll in childbirth classes. Please provide certificate of completion to the midwife. Please inform the midwife what course you are planning to take; Watching videos on Youtube and Birthtube do not qualify. An exception can be made if the client has had a previous out-of-hospital birth.

### **Payment Methods**

Patients can pay by personal check, cash or swipe. Payments can be made at the beginning of each appointment or sent to apps such as Zelle, CashApp. Checks can be made out to Agueda Beck

Patient's are billed a \$50 fee for returned checks. Accrued charges and unpaid balances are subject to a \$50 monthly fee starting in the first full month after the baby's birth. In cases of financial hardship, patients may request revision of their payment plan.

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Client Signature

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Date

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Midwife Signature

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Date