To Whom This May Concern,

This letter is to explain how we provide care for a mutual client/ family at Midwife & Co. Clients from our practice choose midwifery care in the home setting. They learn about the options for childbirth and freely choose to deliver their child unmedicated at home. The care is provided by Certified Nurse Midwives and a birth assistant which is usually another midwife. I am a graduate of Georgetown University Nurse-Midwifery Program and an APRN certified nationally and by the state of Florida.

After the birth we complete the initial newborn exam which includes vital signs, measurements of weight, length, chest, head circumference and a complete head to toe physical. We administer, with parental consent, Vitamin K, erythromycin ointment and Hepatitis B vaccine. We prefer for your pediatric office to perform the PKU and we do not do newborn hearing screening so that will need to be done at an outpatient facility in the coming weeks. Some clients do choose to decline some of these procedures so when you meet the newborn please consider asking the parents if they consented or declined the newborn procedures/ medications.

Parents who choose to birth at home or parents of babies born at home often times choose to find a care provider who supports them with informed choice and informed consent. If you don’t feel comfortable with out of hospital birth or with caring for a baby who may be 1-3 days old please be honest with the parents so they may find another pediatrician who is supportive.

Please feel free to contact the office directly if you have any further questions. The Fax number for Midwife & Co. is 786-373-1885.

Sincerely,

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