



Informed Consent for Midwifery Care

I acknowledge that I am contracting for the services of a licensed midwife. I understand that licensed midwives provide care for women who have normal, uncomplicated pregnancies and expect a normal delivery of a healthy child.

South Carolina licensed midwives are licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by virtue of approved education, clinical experience, and written and oral examination. A licensed midwife is not a physician or a certified nurse-midwife.

In order to receive care by the midwife, I must do the following:

- ♦ Give a complete medical, health and maternity history
- ♦ Review risk factors and other requirements with my midwife
- ♦ Maintain a regular schedule of prenatal visits
- ♦ Make a plan for emergency care, with the assistance of the midwife.

Childbearing is a normal human function. However, unpredictable medical problems may arise during pregnancy or childbirth. Because some of these problems may place my child or myself at risk, transfer to a physician or hospital may be necessary. If the midwives in attendance state the necessity to transport mother or child to the hospital before, during, or after the birth, we agree to go to the hospital upon their request.

I am also aware of the benefits of natural childbirth relating to avoidance of potential injury resulting from invasive procedures, anesthesia, or surgical intervention.

I understand that the CCMC licensed midwives do not carry malpractice insurance.

I have had an opportunity to review and discuss the information contained in this consent form. I hereby attest to the given accuracy of my medical and obstetrical history and consent to care under the above conditions.

Signature of Client

Date

Signature of Midwife

Date