

Client Name: _____

Due Date: _____

Contract for Doula Services

The following agreement is hereby entered into between Chanda Williams, referred to as "the doula" and _____, referred to as "the client," with the following conditions understood and accepted by both parties.

Responsibilities of the Doula

Upon signing of this contract, the doula shall meet with the client at least once prior to labor, provide client with phone numbers so she may be reached 24 hours a day, assist the client with making plans for the birth, and provide referrals for other services in the community.

Once called upon in labor, the doula shall stay with the client until one hour after the birth, unless otherwise indicated by the client, or there are exceptional circumstances. The doula will also provide at least one post-partum visit. It is the responsibility of the doula to inform the client of any dates or times she will be unavailable for service and shall arrange for backup services for those dates and times. The primary doula shall pay the backup doula for services rendered with no additional responsibility of the client.

The doula shall provide physical, emotional, and informational support. The doula shall NOT perform clinical care provision. She shall NOT speak on behalf of the client, or make any decisions for the client. The doula shall NOT interfere with the interaction and role of the father.

Responsibilities of the Client

The client is responsible for informing her caregiver that a doula will be present at her birth. The client and doula shall discuss preliminary plans, prior to labor, for the arrival of the doula. When the client is in labor, she shall inform the doula so the doula can make any personal arrangements. The doula shall be given at least an hour and a half to arrive after the first phone call. The client is responsible for paying the doula fees, as outlined below.

Fees

The fee for doula services is \$600.00. Half of this fee is payable to validate this contract and retain doula services. Payment schedules or special circumstances may be arranged with the doula but must be agreed upon by all parties for this contract to be valid.

Any failure of the doula to perform her services or provide adequate backup support will be grounds for a complete refund of fees.

However, should she be unable to perform services as the result of failure to be notified by the client (including failure to contact back-up doula), a rapid labor, an emergency c-section, or refusal of hospital personnel to allow her participation, there is no refund or discount of the fee agreed upon. No guarantees of outcome are implied. I realize that hiring a doula INCREASES my chances of avoiding a cesarean or other interventions but does not GUARANTEE it.

Should I change my mind about working with this doula, or there are changes in my birth plans, which exclude the doula for any reason whatsoever, with 30 days or more notice, the doula shall retain any deposits made, with no further charges. Less than 30 day notice of cancellation, the FULL fee is payable to the doula.

WE, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions stated above and we fully understand the responsibilities of the doula as well as our own.

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doula's Signature : _____ Date: _____

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On call _____