

Doula Client Agreement

I am aware of the role of the doula. I know that her job is strictly as a support person, and while she is able to give me information to help me weigh my options during my birth, she is not able to make decisions for me or direct medical staff. I am aware that my doula can not speak for me during my birth. She may help to advocate or negotiate, if I am unable to understand what I am being asked to do. My doula will not provide any medical skills during my birth. She is skilled in recognizing normal birth and will help me recognize if things are not normal. She does not medicate, diagnose or treat pregnancy issues.

I agree as a client to make payment to my doula in the time that was discussed at the start of this agreement. I am aware that I am responsible for payment in full by the 36th week of my pregnancy. One half of the total fee for doula services will cover prenatal and postpartum contact, and is not refundable for any reason. The other half of the fee will cover the birth and would only be refunded in the event of a scheduled c-section before labor support has been provided. Refunds are not given for fast labors, nor do we charge more for long labors.

I know that it is my responsibility to call to meet my back-up doula. I may meet her in person at my leisure if I wish.

I may request reimbursement from my insurance company or cafeteria plan at my place of employment. I know that I can find the reimbursement forms at www.dona.org in the print library. This is my responsibility as a doula client.

I am aware that hiring a doula does not guarantee that I have a perfect birth. My doula is there to make sure that I make informed decisions to the best of my ability based on the situation that we are faced with the day of our birth. I know that I must call my doula to set up a postpartum appointment in order for one to take place.

Mother

Partner

date

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I promise to provide professional prenatal and postpartum care to you, my clients. I will fulfill, to the best of my ability, the expectations you have of me. I will do my best to make sure your wishes are observed during your birth, as is appropriate. I will provide a back up doula that you can meet, if you wish. On the event that I am unavailable for your birth, she will stand in for me. In the unlikely event that we are both unable to attend, I will provide another capable and caring doula for you. You will not need to be alone. If I am unable for any reason to fulfill my end of this agreement, you will be entitled to a refund after we subtract for time already spent in prenatals.

Doula's signature and date