Informed Choice for Midwifery Care

The Midwives at New Beginnings Birth Center are experts in normal pregnancy and birth. We view pregnancy and birth as healthy, normal process that call for supervision and care. In the Midwives Model of Care, the childbearing woman and her partner have central roles.

The Midwives Model of Care™ includes:

- Monitoring the physical, psychological, and social well-being of the mother throughout the childbearing cycle.
- Providing the mother with individualized education, counseling, prenatal care, hands-on assistance during labor and birth, and postpartum support.
- Minimizing technological interventions
- Identifying and referring women who require obstetrical attention

It is important that you understand that childbirth is not without risks. There is a small percentage of births in which sudden, unexpected emergencies can and do occur. Although we have been trained in neonatal resuscitation and in infant and adult CPR, the care of you and your baby may be compromised because emergency care is not readily available here at the birthing center.

Midwives in Idaho are not legally required to carry professional liability insurance. Professional liability insurance would make out of hospital midwifery care unaffordable for our families and for that reason our staff will not be covered by a liability insurance policy.

Additionally, you will find the following information on our website:

- New Beginnings Birth Center Staff Training and Experience
- Instructions for obtaining a copy of the Board of Midwifery rules
- Instructions for obtaining a copy of the Essential Documents of the NACPM and Analysis of the 2001 Job Analysis Survey, published by NARM
- Instructions for filing complaints with the Idaho Board of Midwifery
- Written protocol for emergencies, including hospital transport that is specific to each individual client (Available to view upon your request.)
- Description of the procedures, benefits, and risks of out-of-hospital birth, primarily those conditions that may arise during birth.
- Notice of NBBC Privacy Practices (HIPAA)

Your signature below serves as acknowledgement that you have been given access to the above informed choice documents and information, and that you agree to be cared for the Licensed Midwives and Student Midwives at New Beginnings Birth Center.

Client’s Signature ______________________________________ Date ______________________

Midwives Signature ______________________________________ Date ______________________