

## **Informed Choice and Disclosure Statement**

According to Texas Law, Article 4512I Texas Civil Statutes, I am required by law to disclose in both oral and written form to a prospective client, the limitations of my skills and practices. This document will include that information as well as additional information.

- As a Texas Licensed midwife, I will only assist in normal childbirth except in an emergency situation that poses an immediate threat to the life of the mother or newborn.
  - The scope of my care includes prenatal, postpartum and newborn care.
  - If you at any time develop signs or symptoms of a complication related to pregnancy, you will be advised to seek medical care. I can recommend a doctor, if you do not already have one.
  - During labor, should the need for a hospital transport arise, you will be transported to the nearest appropriate hospital and I will go with you. You will be placed under the care of the on-call doctor unless other arrangements have been made prior to the onset of labor.
  - I never use forceps or surgical instruments for any procedure other than cutting the umbilical cord or providing emergency first aid during delivery.
  - I do not rush or remove the placenta by invasive techniques.
  - I do not advance or retard labor or delivery by using medicines or mechanical devices.
  - I carry oxygen with me to all births.
  - I administer no prescription drugs except under the supervision of a physician licensed by the State of Texas.
  - I will not knowingly or intentionally falsify or make false statements on a birth certificate application. (This offense is prosecutable as a felony of the third degree.)
  - I am a Texas Licensed Midwife with Texas Department of State Health Services. I do not claim to be a doctor or nurse midwife.
  - I am certified in newborn screening. The state law requires a newborn screen be done at about 2 days of age and again at about 2 weeks of age. This test screens for certain diseases, which can be very detrimental to your baby.
  - The law also requires that I administer an eye prophylaxis within two hours of the birth to prevent possible blindness. I do not use silver nitrate.
  - Serology testing for syphilis, HIV, and Hepatitis B are required by law during. I provide for all these tests. I also allow you to refuse some tests, as long as a waiver is signed and placed in your file.
  - I will report all communicable diseases.
  - Registration is necessary for both births and deaths.
  - Compliance is necessary with provisions of the Dangerous Drug Act and Controlled Substances Act and other laws as applicable.
  - When necessary, I will make this form available in Spanish.
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Should you have a complaint about the care that you receive, you may contact:

**The Association of Texas Midwives**

401 E. Front, Ste 143  
Tyler, Texas 75702  
(903) 592-4220

**Or if you think something illegal or dangerous has happened, please contact:**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

**The Midwifery Program**

1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 834-4523

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- My Texas license is renewed every two years in March. My current license expires in March 2010.
  - I maintain current infant and adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer. My current certification expires in December 2009.
  - I am a CPR and First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross.
  - I have Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training.
  - I am certified in Neonatal Resuscitation (parts 1-4) and that current certification expires in May 2009.
  - I am certified to provide New Born Screening by the State of Texas.
  - I am in compliance with all continuing educational requirements by the State of Texas Midwifery Board.
  - I am a Board Member of the Association of Texas Midwives (ATM).
  - I am an approved preceptor for ATM, which means I am approved to train student midwives within the ATM program.
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Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Midwife Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_