



Financial Agreement for Midwifery Services

Fees, Private Pay, Insurance & Medicaid

Sunrise Midwifery charges a package fee of \$3500 for complete midwifery care during pregnancy and birth. Our fees are competitively priced, cost-effective and accurately reflect the quality of our midwifery care. However, our ability to provide this type of care is dependent upon being adequately and promptly reimbursed for our services. At this time Kristin accepts Medicaid and cash; her associate Lorri accepts only cash. Sunrise Midwifery reserves the right to discontinue service to clients who do not make scheduled payments. For clients living outside of the area between (and including) the city limits of Yakima, Tri-Cities, and Goldendale, a fuel reimbursement of \$150 will apply.

For clients paying cash:

A \$500 discount for full payment on time applies. A \$500 non-refundable birth assistant fee is due at the first visit after your initial consult. The remaining balance of \$2,500 must be paid by the 36th week of pregnancy with payments made at each prenatal visit. The payment plan will be outlined at the first prenatal visit and on-time payments are expected.

The package of services includes: cultures, Paps, blood draws, and referrals written for lab work, imaging, and screening; some routine supplies; prenatal visits; labor, birth, and immediate postpartum midwifery care for mom and baby; postpartum midwifery visits; up to 4 total home visits; birth assistant fees for the second midwife; full-time telephone access to your midwife; access to our lending library; and birth tub rental.

Services not included in the package fee are: the birth kit (some of which is designed to replace supplies routinely used during your prenatal care) and extra non-routine supplies; lab fees for work and/or screening as deemed necessary; referred services (e.g., ultrasound, quad-screen); charges incurred due to transfer of care during pregnancy or birth; extra home visits; recommended supplements and herbs; and prescription medications.

For clients using private insurance:

You may not be aware that your insurance company does not pay for any prenatal or delivery services provided until after the birth of the baby. In many cases, we would provide care for over 9 months before being reimbursed for any of our work. In a small, client-centered practice where we cannot rely on volume to maintain a steady income, this is unsustainable. For this reason, we require that you pay us the fee in full by the 36th week, with \$500 of this due at the first prenatal visit. We are happy to write a pre-authorization letter for you if required. You can then submit the fee as a claim to your insurance for reimbursement, which your insurance company is required by Washington law to pay. We will help you do this by providing you with an itemized bill. Sunrise Midwifery works with a medical billing service; clients who would like their help in submitting their claims are welcome to contact them and will be subject to their fees.

For clients with Medicaid/Open Coupons/Molina/Community Health:

We are pleased to be able to provide you with homebirth midwifery care. Your HMO will be billed for: prenatal and postpartum midwifery visits; delivery and newborn care; birth supplies; birth tub rental; prenatal tests, lab work, and/or screening as deemed necessary; referred services (e.g., ultrasound, quad-screen); charges incurred due to transfer of care during pregnancy or birth; and prescription medications. The only services for which you must pay, that are not covered by Medicaid, are the \$500 birth assistant fee due at the first visit, some supplements and herbs, and the birth kit. You also get full-time telephone access to your midwife, and use of our lending library.

Transport or Transfer of Care to Another Provider

During the course of pregnancy or birth, it may become necessary to transfer you to the care of another provider, either because of the midwife's judgment or client request. If the decision is made to transport you and/or your baby to the hospital during your labor or immediate postpartum, no refund of the midwifery care fee will be given. If, prior to your 37th week, you decide to transfer or terminate care or the midwife decides a transfer of care is necessary, you will be charged \$150 for each prenatal visit plus the initial \$500 non-refundable fee. If you transfer care for non-medical reasons at or after 37 weeks gestation, any monies paid to Sunrise Midwifery will not be pro-rated and/or returned.

