Home Birth Agreement with 
Believe Midwifery Services, LLC

The client is referred to as the pregnant mother and her spouse/partner, and is referred to in the first person. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is the company with which the client is making an agreement. The nurse-midwives and midwifery assistants extend care as employees of the company.

Client Name:

Spouse or Partner Name:

_________________________ and ______________________ (collectively, “Clients”) have chosen to have a home birth. This choice was made after careful consideration of the alternatives. Clients have been given opportunity to read the practice website, attend an informational session and have discussed their prenatal care and birth options with the nurse-midwife and consulting practitioners to the extent that Clients think necessary. After careful consideration of all the options, Clients have asked the nurse-midwifery team of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC to provide prenatal care and to attend the birth in Clients’ home.

In choosing to birth at home Clients knowingly accept responsibility for the labor and birth. Clients realize that no matter how carefully they are assessed, unforeseen events may arise, resulting in poor outcome. Although pregnancy and birth are natural physiologic processes, certain medical conditions may arise necessitating consultation, collaboration or transfer of care from Believe Midwifery Services, LLC to that of a [nurse-midwife] or physician in a hospital. Depending on the reason, transfer may be considered emergent or non-emergent, and may be due to maternal, fetal or newborn indications.

Clients are aware that emergencies occurring in the home are handled in a medically supportive fashion until transfer to the hospital is accomplished. Clients agree to transfer mother and/or infant to physician management and hospital care if the course of pregnancy, birth or the postpartum period becomes medically complicated and the nurse-midwife determines that rendering care to Clients is outside of her scope or available resources. Whenever possible the decisions regarding such transfers will be made jointly by Clients, the nurse-midwife, and the consulting providers. Clients understand, however, that a situation may arise where Clients must accept the judgment of the nurse-midwife.

Clients acknowledge that the management of this pregnancy and birth are based in part on the information provided by us. Clients therefore agree to cooperate fully, and provide the nurse-midwives and/or consulting providers with the most accurate information possible.

Clients willingly accept the risks associated with homebirth, and hereby consent to the care provided by Believe Midwifery Services, LLC. Clients hereby release Believe Midwifery Services, LLC, the nurse-midwives, and the midwifery assistants from all liability arising from acts or omissions on their part while functioning according to their practice guidelines. Clients further acknowledge that the nurse-midwife and midwifery assistants of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC are not covered by medical malpractice, errors and omission insurance.

Standard Business Hours & Clinic Expectations

Clients understand that Believe Midwifery Services, LLC can offer no guarantee throughout the course of maternity care, or that hours or locations will remain consistent. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC clinic locations are contingent upon building leases. If Believe Midwifery Services, LLC determines continuing care within such sites is no longer safe or in the best interest of their staff or clientele, a new location will be secured. Hours are contingent upon a number of factors and may change within the course of the Clients’ care to better suit the needs of either clientele or staff. However, it is certainly the desire of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC to extend services indefinitely at the 707 Main Street office in Lafayette, and 1117 South Rangeline Road office in Carmel.

All prenatal and postpartum care is provided in the midwifery clinic. The first visit is typically an hour and provides Clients the opportunity to discuss their health history and homebirth candidacy with one of the nurse-midwives. At this
first visit, this homebirth agreement will be reviewed in detail and signed by Clients. The second visit will offer a head-to-
toe exam and is typically thirty minutes, as are all subsequent prenatal visits in the office.

Clients acknowledge that the intention of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is for the nurse-midwives to provide all
prenatal, postpartum and neonatal care; however, due to the nature of the profession, it may prove necessary to have a
registered nurse provide any one of Clients prenatal visits and report her findings to the on-call nurse-midwife. Clients
understand that this care is within the scope of a registered nurse and does not alter the fee structure of this agreement.

Primary care, triage visits and lactation services are outside the scope of this agreement but are certainly available as
desired. Clients acknowledge that in effort to maximize the time spent with the nurse-midwife, a midwifery assistant will
be present at each of the visits to record pertinent details in the midwifery chart, assist with any procedures, and to report
any midwifery orders for the registered nurse to coordinate in effort to optimize care. The registered nurse coordinates
laboratory reports, ultrasounds, pharmaceutical management, triage phone calls and consultations.

Believe Midwifery Services, LLC’s clinical staff strive to start each session on time and end each session on time, and
appreciate each client’s assistance in trying to accomplish this goal as well; however, on occasion, circumstances will
be present within a prenatal or postpartum session in which the client requires more time of the nurse-midwife which was
otherwise unexpected. Clients acknowledge that if the same circumstance were theirs, that extra time would be greatly
appreciated and extend grace in these circumstances.

Due to the nature of the profession, the midwifery team may be called to a birth at any moment. If this were to occur
during a clinic day, the staff will notify each scheduled client utilizing the phone number provided. Clients understand that
it would behoove them to check phone messages prior to departing for their visit to make sure that staff has not been
called away from the clinic. This extends also to scheduled home visits, as these too may be inadvertently and
inconveniently canceled due to more urgent needs within the practice.

Clients also acknowledge that neither midwife can guarantee their presence for any particular prenatal visit or birth.
Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is blessed to have two nurse-midwives on staff and a number of support staff to assist in
covering the needs of their Clients. Clients understand that in hiring Believe Midwifery Services, LLC, Clients are hiring
a midwifery team that collaborates in the care of each client, and Clients cannot be guaranteed the presence of any
particular member, for any particular occasion, during pregnancy, birth and postpartum care.

Reminder phone calls, texts, and/or e-mails are provided for scheduled appointments as you choose within the
Appointment Plus scheduling program. These can be updated to Clients’ preference, at their convenience. The Believe
Midwifery Services, LLC midwifery team may call to follow-up on previously expressed clinical or emotional concerns,
laboratory results, or to coordinate treatment plans. Clients understand that the Believe Midwifery Services, LLC
midwifery team will call twice in effort to reach a client for any particular need. If the midwifery team is unable to leave a
message or connect after two calls, the responsibility to follow-up is Clients’ own. Clients understand that if they would
prefer not to receive these phone calls, they can discuss this with the clinical staff.

Clients understand that it is important to keep prenatal appointments in effort for the midwifery team to assess and
appropriately manage care. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC appreciates changes in schedule, transportation issues, and
feeling under the weather. Rescheduling appointments can be done at Clients’ convenience, although the midwifery team
appreciates a phone call if the appointment is canceled within twenty-four hours. Clients also understand it is their
responsibility to coordinate appointments, using the web-based scheduling program. The nurse-midwifery team does not
call to remind Clients to schedule their appointments. Clients understand if they are tardy to an appointment by more than
fifteen minutes, they will be asked to reschedule. Please keep sick children at home.

**Fee Structure**

**Standard Maternity Package**
The package fee for standard prenatal care and delivery is $5,995. Payment paid in full within 30 days of the first prenatal
visit offers an early payment discount, for a total fee of $5,495; otherwise the total package fee and any additional
expenses incurred must be paid at the beginning of Clients 35th week of pregnancy.

The maternity package fee includes:
Consultation with the nurse-midwife including health history review and complete physical exam;
Standard prenatal care, including monthly visits through the thirty-second week of pregnancy, and bi-weekly through term, then twice each week for the duration of the pregnancy;
Attendance within our Optimizing Pregnancy, Labor & Birth, Breastfeeding & Early Parenting Classes offered each quarter;
24/7 CNM phone availability for emergencies throughout pregnancy;
Home risk assessment at or around thirty-six weeks of pregnancy by a member of the midwifery team;
Travel expenses for the nurse-midwives and midwifery assistants;
Labor management and home birth care by the nurse-midwives and midwifery assistant(s);
Rental of medical equipment during intrapartum period;
Emergency management of mother or baby, as appropriate, including transfer of care to a medical facility during an intrapartum event and postpartum/newborn care through three hours of age;
Newborn exam and immediate post-partum care for mother by the nurse-midwife and midwifery assistant/s;
Post-birth office visit for both the mother and child during the first week;
Obtaining the newborn metabolic screening (lab fee is separate);
Filing of the birth certificate and newborn’s social security card (paternity affidavit if appropriate);
Newborn Hearing Screening;
Newborn Cardiac Screening; and
Post-partum office visit for mother at six weeks (labs additional).

Each client is asked to pay $500 (plus lab expenses) at the initial office visit. For Clients who decline the early payment option, Believe Midwifery Services, LLC requires a minimum payment of $250 per visit (plus lab expenses) with entire fee of $5,995 due prior to the 35th week of pregnancy. Care provided outside of the standard maternity package is expected at the time services are rendered. Triage and primary care visits outside the standard prenatal schedule are billed separately. These visits may occur as a result of a fall, various illnesses, dermatology concerns, acute asthma, or more complex issues such as emotional issues or chronic conditions.

We understand we must gather household items for our birth, and to purchase a birth kit from the Red Raspberry Boutique, LLC. This kit should be available, with all of my gathered items, for inspection at my 36-week-home-visit. A list of contents is not provided as this kit evolves based on the current needs of the nurse-midwifery team. I understand that it is imperative that this specific kit be purchased, rather than attempting to assemble my own products. Details for purchase can be found at the Red Raspberry Boutique: https://redraspberryboutique.com/store/products/homebirth-kit-for-believe-midwifery-clients/

Believe Midwifery Services, LLC accepts all major credit cards, cash and personal checks for services rendered. Returned checks will incur a $25 fee and any additional fees the practice may incur.

Childbirth Education & Lending Library
Clients acknowledge that if they have not previously birthed at home, it is their responsibility to attend the childbirth education series offered by Believe Midwifery Services, LLC. This must be completed prior to the home visit, in effort to demonstrate themselves as appropriate homebirth candidates.

Four classes comprise the series: Optimizing Pregnancy, Empowering Labor & Birth, Embracing Breastfeeding and Embarking Upon Early Parenting. Fees for these classes are rolled into the maternity package; however, if Clients attend and then terminate care early for whatever reason, they will be charged $65 for each class attended within the series. No refund will be provided if they choose not to attend these classes.
Believe Midwifery Services, LLC has a rather extensive lending library, with books addressing well woman care, pregnancy, nutrition, birth, newborn care, breastfeeding, fitness, essential oils, herbs, homeopathy, massage, devotionals, anthropology, immunizations, circumcision, grief and depression support, even midwifery biographies and fictional stories of interest. Numerous DVDs are also available. These may be borrowed at no additional fee, but must be returned prior to the sixth week postpartum visit or Clients will be provided an invoice with payment due immediately.

A private client access page is available on the Believe Midwifery website which shares a practice handbook and a plethora of educational handouts, all informed consents regarding care, links to useful blogs, and a number of resources maternity Clients have found quite helpful. The password for this page will be provided upon scheduling the first appointment. Clients understand that this is private and should not be shared.

**Ultrasounds, Labs, & Medications**

Ultrasound expenses, labs, and medications are not included within the standard maternity package. Ultrasounds are referred outside our office but can be ordered at a number of locations, with the most cost effective being on the north- or south-side of Indianapolis for $250 (prices subject to change without our knowledge). Routine ultrasounds are not recommended for low-risk Clients; however, the midwifery team is happy to order one for those who desire a fetal anatomy scan. If the nurse-midwife determines it would be medically appropriate to obtain an ultrasound, the client will be informed of all available options. VBAC (vaginal birth after cesarean) Clients are asked to obtain a mid-trimester scan for placenta placement and integrity.

Believe Midwifery Services, LLC has secured cost effective prices for laboratory services with Mid-America Clinical Labs (MACL). All Clients will be charged a $22 venipuncture fee by Believe Midwifery Services, LLC at the time of service; however, MACL will bill insurance directly for specific laboratory testing and Clients can utilize their invoice to obtain reimbursement for the venipuncture fee. Cash Clients are offered discounted prices, but fees must be paid prior to services rendered. Unfortunately, Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is prohibited from sharing an exhaustive list of their laboratory prices due to their binding contract with the laboratory; however, as laboratory specimens are ordered, prices for individual labs will then be provided so Clients can determine what best suits their individual needs.

Medications required in an urgent or emergent nature are stocked at all times and administered directly by the midwifery team to the client when indicated. A subsequent invoice for these medications will be provided and payment will be due prior to six weeks postpartum. If prescriptions are necessary for a non-emergent need, a script will be provided that can be filled at the pharmacy of their choice. The office of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC does have a limited number of medications for administration during the antenatal period following informed consent. Payment is expected at time of administration.

Clients understand that while medications and intravenous fluids are rarely indicated within the birth scenario, additional fees will apply if they do require or request such services. Clients also understand, any newborn medications requested are billed outside the standard maternity package. Those fees might include:

- Vitamin K administration to the newborn: $38
- Erythromycin administration to the newborn: Rx will be provided to client to obtain at local pharmacy
- Sterile Water Papules for pain management during labor: $28
- TENS Machine Rental: $35
- RhoGAM Administration for Rh Negative Mothers: $210
- Intravenous hydration: $95 initial bag, $35 additional bags
- Intravenous therapy: $135 initial administration, $55 subsequent administrations

**Spa Rentals**
Five spas are available for rent each month from the Red Raspberry Boutique, LLC. These are exceptional for pain relief during the active phase of labor, and a source of comfort during the last few weeks of pregnancy. Clients understand that they should rent these as soon as they desire so they do not find no more available. Clients also understand that maintaining the water quality and cleaning the spa is their responsibility. Details can be found here: https://redraspberryboutique.com/store/products/spa-in-a-box-rental-for-believe-midwifery-clients/

**Primary Newborn Care**
Believe Midwifery Services, LLC appreciates the first few weeks of mothering to be among the more challenging and vulnerable, particularly within a medical industry that has a history of sabotaging breastfeeding success. The nurse-midwifery team of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is more than happy to continue care of the newborn through six weeks of age for those who desire; however, pediatric care beyond the first week is outside the maternity package.

Prices for newborn care within our practice are:
- Two week office visit (30 minutes): $95
- Six week office visit (30 minutes): $95
- Additional home visit provided by one of the midwifery assistants: $195

Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is the only midwifery staff with a degree holding lactation consultant, IBCLC and a number of trained breastfeeding counselor’s on staff. The practice values breastfeeding success; therefore, the clinical team hosts a FREE Mother’s Gathering Group each month. These are led by experienced mothers and all mothers are encouraged to attend for peer support.

Lactation consultations can also be scheduled with Dr. Penny Lane CNM, IBCLC within the office. Both the nurse-midwives can offer frenotomies for tongue-tied babies and lip ties. Clients acknowledge that the above newborn office visit allows for breastfeeding support, but not complex consultation for lactation challenges.
- Lactation Visit in the office with Dr. Penny Lane, Degreed & Board Certified Lactation Consultant (60 minutes): $240
- Lactation Visit in the office by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (60 minutes): $125
- Lactation Visit in our home by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (less than 2 hours): $225
- Lactation Visit in the office by a Certified Lactation Counselor (60 minutes): $95
- Lactation Visit in our home by a Certified Lactation Counselor (less than 2 hours): $195 (additional hours $95 each)
- Lingual or Labial Frenotomies: $165 each

Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is the only midwifery practice offering all state mandated testings without need for outside referral. These include the newborn metabolic screening, newborn hearing screening, and pulse oximetry screening.
- State Required Newborn Screening: $90 (price of obtaining specimen included within maternity package)
- State Required Hearing Screening: (currently offered at no additional expense to our Clients)
- Pulse Oximetry Screening: (currently offered at no additional expense to our Clients)

**High Risk Management**
The nurse-midwives of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC have specialty training in high-risk obstetrics beyond that found within typical nurse-midwifery practices. If a high risk scenario presents, and management of that care is within the scope of the practice’s providers and all necessary resources are available, and the client and midwife determine that continued care is mutually appropriate, additional fees may apply. Such circumstances include vaginal breech birth, twin birth attendance, VBA2C, rupture of membranes without initiation of labor, neonatal observation or any other high risk diagnosis that requires additional clinical assessment and skill.
Fetal well-being surveillance for high risk pregnancies, such as those with gestational diabetes, hypertension, or trauma are outside the standard maternity package, as well as labors in which fetal well-being testing is required due to prolonged rupture of membranes, protracted labor, or prodromal labor in the VBAC client. Pregnancies extending beyond 41 weeks of pregnancy will require fetal well-being assessment twice weekly. The nurse-midwifery team will provide an Audible Acceleration Test within the office during standard business hours, at no additional fee; however, if a non-stress test proves necessary, a fee will apply.

- Non-Stress Testing in the Office: $95
- Non-Stress Testing in your Home: $195
- Non-Stress Testing via recording or with nurse outside of office hours: $125

On occasion, a high risk concern will present during the intrapartum or newborn period and can be safely managed by the practice’s midwifery team; however, these events may require continued presence of the entire birth team beyond active labor or three hours postpartum or bringing in additional midwifery or nursing staff for support. The client and spouse/partner may choose to either transfer care to a medical facility, or continue care with Believe Midwifery Services, LLC for an additional expense.

- Observation and management by the birth team outside of standard maternity package: $200 to $400 hour
  ($200 an hour for the midwife and $100 an hour per assistant)

**Primary Care of Women throughout the LifeCycle**

While nurse-midwives are well known for being experts in catching babies, they are also trained to provide primary health care to women of all ages and neonates through six weeks of age. This care not only includes annual exams, child-spacing options, pap and breast exams, but extends into management of chronic and acute conditions. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC extends care with an integrative focus for complete healing. Further details about primary care can be found on the practice’s website, as well as current prices for such services.

**Retail Boutique**

The Red Raspberry Boutique, LLC is a small retail boutique owned and operated by Dr. Penny Lane CNM. This is a separate entity from Believe Midwifery Services, LLC.

Dr. Lane and her clinical staff research product lines and choose products for their holistic approach to wellness, environmentally conscious values, and high standards of manufacturing. Wherever possible, the boutique works to support the clinical recommendations of the clinical team, and extend these resources at prices required by vendor contracts. The Red Raspberry Boutique, LLC is also an excellent way to support the practice, allowing Dr. Lane to off-set prices for healthcare.

**Invoicing for Reimbursement & Special Circumstances**

All Clients will be provided an invoice for services rendered, which can be utilized for insurance reimbursement and/or HSA, FSA, or other tax-exempt accounts; however, these invoices are not itemized into a superbill format, as that would require hiring a third party billing company.

Clients understand that if they choose to leave the practice prior to thirty-six weeks of pregnancy, or if they are no longer appropriate homebirth candidates within the same time, all services rendered to date will be itemized and any overpayment will be refunded accordingly. Nutritional consults, triage visits, prenatal care, labs, home visits, and childbirth education classes will be charged in an itemized fashion. Clients understand that administrative responsibilities do not supersede clinical responsibilities. Due to the nature of the profession and the dual responsibilities of administrative staff, Clients acknowledge that refunds may require six weeks for processing.
Clients accept that if they choose to leave care after thirty-six weeks of pregnancy or prove to no longer be a good candidate for ongoing care by the practice, no reimbursement is provided. The maternity package fee includes cost of securing nurse-midwives and nursing staff to be on-call 24/7 and management of any high risk concerns through complete transfer of care to a physician or medical facility.

No discount is given for beginning care late in pregnancy or transferring care into the practice from another provider late in pregnancy. No discount is given for birthing at home with the nurse-midwifery team of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC prior to thirty-six weeks of pregnancy. As each birth has its own timing, on very rare occasions, the nurse-midwife may arrive after the baby is born. This can occur if the birth happens quickly, if labor advanced in an unanticipated pattern, or if weather, traffic, staffing resources, or natural disasters present beyond the practice’s control. In this event, no refund is made. If you opt out of specific care or services within the package fee, no reduction in fee is offered.

Clients agree to pay Believe Midwifery Services, LLC in full for standard prenatal care, labor management and delivery, and postpartum care by my 35th week of pregnancy. Clients further understand and agree to pay for services that extend beyond the standard care package, as detailed above as services are rendered.

**Failure to Pay as Agreed and Disputes**

Clients understand that if any part of the $5,995 fee is NOT made in full by my 35th week of pregnancy that they will no longer be considered a client of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC or under the care of Dr. Penny Lane, CNM and Miss Kristina Michael. It will therefore, be the Clients’ responsibility to find a healthcare provider to continue prenatal care, labor, delivery, postpartum and newborn care.

If for any reason Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is forced to take legal measures to collect monies owed, client will be responsible for all collection costs and any applicable and reasonable attorney fees.

This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana. Any suit involving any dispute or matter arising under the Agreement may only be brought in the Indiana State Court in the County of Tippecanoe. Clients consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction and venue of any state or federal court located in Tippecanoe County Indiana with respect to any such proceeding.

**Communication**

Clients appreciate that Believe Midwifery Services, LLC has determined their website to be the most effective mode of communicating practice wide information. Clients appreciate that Believe Midwifery Services, LLC regularly up-dates their website at [www.BelieveMidwiferyServices.com](http://www.BelieveMidwiferyServices.com) and it is the Clients’ responsibility to review the website periodically for changes in the practice structure, services, or learn about up-coming events and offerings. The practice also offers a client access page that serves as the client handbook, where all informed consents, many educational handouts, resources, and important information concerning maternity services can be found. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC also encourages Clients to visit the boutique at [www.RedRaspberryBoutique.com](http://www.RedRaspberryBoutique.com).

Clients further understand that Believe Midwifery Services, LLC hosts a Facebook page which may offer peer support among like-minded individuals. The nurse-midwife and staff may share on-going happenings via this format, including clinic closings due to snow or births, sales within the boutique, up-coming events, and points of interest from the news or research, but the Believe Midwifery Services, LLC midwifery staff is NOT available for healthcare advice via this format.

Clients take full responsibility for consequences resulting from being unwilling to participate in the communication avenues Believe Midwifery Services, LLC has established for their clientele.

Clients understand that the midwifery team of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC prioritizes providing uninterrupted care to Clients throughout their prenatal and postpartum office visits and most importantly, through their labor and birth, no
matter how long the event. For this reason, the Believe Midwifery Services, LLC clinical team asks Clients to write down any questions they may have between office visits and share them during your own one-on-one session with the nurse-midwife. A nurse is available at one of the two clinical offices during standard business hours for triaging phone calls. Lab results will be shared at the next scheduled visit unless the result is abnormal. In this event, a clinical team member will call to discuss a management plan. Urgent or emergent needs should be directed to the nurse-midwife by calling the office directly, and choosing line 4. I understand that in effort to optimize care provided and to maintain security of healthcare information, e-mail and facebook are unacceptable modes of communication with the nurse-midwife for any and all healthcare needs.

**Etiquette**

The Midwifery Model of Care values relationship building between each consumer of healthcare and the nurse-midwife. Communication and trust are highly prioritized. Nurse-midwives seek to empower each client through information gathering, discerning personal conviction, and identifying various options for individual circumstances. Nurse-midwives invest in each client and equally, expect each client to invest in the provider/client relationship and work to optimize their own success.

Clients understand that they have asked the nurse-midwives of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC to be their primary care providers. Any healthcare need outside of pregnancy, will be discussed with the nurse-midwife. Most all women’s health needs can be managed by nurse-midwives; however, if a scenario arises in which another provider’s consultation would be beneficial, Clients understand their nurse-midwife would appreciate being included in this care management. This also means, if the mother visits an Urgent Care or Emergency Room Department, Clients will identify either Dr. Penny Lane CNM or Miss Kristina Michael CNM as their primary healthcare provider for the pregnancy, so all reports can be sent to the Believe Midwifery Services, LLC office and made part of their healthcare record. Please understand that because nurse-midwifery is very misunderstood, Clients are often told a physician must be identified, particularly for newborn care. This is illegal, as it is a restriction on trade. I understand that the nurse-midwives would appreciate being notified of this scenario not only so they can advocate on my behalf, but also so they can extend education to the ill-informed provider or medical establishment. It is the desire of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC to work in partnership with each client and any consulting clinician.

Clients understand that in choosing to birth within their own home, Clients take responsibility for preparing that environment for a safe birth. Roles and responsibilities will need to be delegated to someone other than mother or father, including care of other children and pets (those that are not able to care for themselves). Clients also understand that they are responsible for providing basic needs for the midwifery team, including nutrition, hydration, warmth, and a restroom. Household items, as detailed on the Red Raspberry Boutique, LLC website, previously provided, will be the Clients’ responsibility to organize and the Clients understand the midwifery team will schedule a home visit at approximately 36 weeks to assess readiness for birthing at home. Part of this evaluation will include the cleanliness of the home.

Clients understand the nurse-midwifes and assistants of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC are trained doulas. Not only does the midwifery team of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC offer more than twenty-five years of experience attending births, with Dr. Lane having attended more than 3,000 births herself, but the Believe Midwifery birth team trains together on a regular basis in effort to master communication and team building skills for homebirth Clients. Clients understand that if they hire a private doula, the practice requires that this person attend a home risk assessment to discuss roles and responsibilities. Believe Midwifery Services, LLC wants to make clear that the outcome of the advice, direction, and support provided by the doula is the client’s responsibility, as well as the consequences of not seeking the nurse-midwives as the primary source of labor support.

Finally, as licensed providers, Believe Midwifery Services, LLC is responsible for a certain standard of care and certainly, the practice is responsible for the safety of their clinical staff. We accept that if our home is unfit to birth in safely or in
some way may present harm to one of the staff members of Believe Midwifery Services, LLC, another location would need to be secured before the clinical staff could commit to attending the birth, or a transfer of care to another provider would need to be organized immediately. This scenario is exceptionally rare. Additionally, if in some way a family member, friend or hired doula bullies or forcefully controls or intervenes in the management by the nurse-midwife or threatens a staff member, the clinical staff would be forced to secure emergency police protection and turn over clinical care as is immediately appropriate. It is therefore exceptionally important that visitors have a clear understanding of their roles, responsibilities and boundaries and attend the home risk assessment if planning to attend the homebirth.

This legal agreement constitutes the sole and legal agreement by and between the parties. It supersedes any prior understandings, written or oral agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter discussed in this agreement. Clients have read and understand this agreement and have had an opportunity to research the benefits and risks of birthing at home, and have any questions they may have of the nurse-midwife. Clients have freely chosen to birth at home and have committed to working with the nurse-midwife in the above out-lined agreements, to achieve the most optimal outcome.

Mother's Signature____________________________________________                      Date________________________

Mother's Name Printed____________________________________________

Father's Signature____________________________________________                      Date________________________

Father's Name Printed____________________________________________

Nurse-Midwife Signature____________________________________________      Date________________________

Marital Status: (circle one) Married  Not Married

*Note: This information is requested for purposes of determining the parties to sign the birth certificate and whether a paternity affidavit is necessary.