

Seven Cities Midwifery Care

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Virginia Regulatory Disclosure Package

Midwives Model of Care

The Midwives Model of Care is based on the fact that pregnancy and birth are normal life processes. 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, and prenatal care, continuous hands-on assistance during labor and delivery, and postpartum support
- Minimizing technological interventions
- Identifying and referring women who require obstetrical attention

The application of this woman-centered model of care has been proven to reduce the incidence of birth injury, trauma, and cesarean section.

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Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Fund

Licensed Midwives are not among those permitted to participate as providers in the Virginia Birth Related Neurological Injury Fund. This fund provides money for expenses and services, assisting families over the lifetime of a baby who sustains neurological damage during the birth process. See <http://www.vabirthingjury.com>. These resources of the fund would not be available to you if you give birth with a VA licensed Midwife at this time

Liability Insurance

We do not carry mal-practice insurance. At this time there is no liability insurance coverage available for licensed midwives in Virginia who attend home births.

Controlled Substances

Currently, Virginia law prohibits licensed midwives from carrying or administering controlled substances. This means that we are not allowed to have oxygen, pitocin, rhogam, newborn eye medication or newborn vitamin K.

Emergency Care Plan

An Emergency Care Plan is required to be in place for your safety. We have provided a separate document and a personalized hospital/directions form is to be maintained in your record. Please review our protocol in event of hospital transport and fill out the accompanying form to be added to your records.

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Hospital Privileges

As licensed midwives we attend only out-of-hospital births. We do not have hospital privileges at any hospital. In the event of transfer of care we will accompany you and remain with you in hospital but the hospital physician will be your care provider.

Practice of Midwifery Regulations

You may view the regulations governing the practice of midwifery in Virginia at: http://www.dhp.state.va.us/medicine_laws_regs.htm then click on Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Midwives. You may also see a paper copy of these regulations at the office.

Practice Guidelines

A complete copy of our practice guidelines is available for you to read and review at the office location or you may obtain a paper copy to take home with you. Please initial at the bottom of this Informed Consent that you have read and understand them.

Grievance Mechanism

It is our desire to foster open communications and provide sound midwifery care. If a conflict arises between a client and a midwife, our first request is that you discuss it with us, in person or in writing as soon as possible. Mediation may be utilized to reach an acceptable outcome. If you are not satisfied with this you have the right, at any time, to file a formal complaint. This will initiate an internal investigation of our practice with the North American Registry of Midwives (our credentialing organization), the Virginia Board of Medicine (our licensing board), or both.

To file a complaint with the North American Registry of Midwives:

Formal complaints must be written and signed, and require the client to sign a records release before the peer review can proceed. Written complaints are sent through US Postal Mail (not email) to:

North American Registry of Midwives Accountability
Shannon Anton, CPM
PO Box 128
Bristol, Vermont 05443-0128

For more information, please visit the NARM web site: <http://www.narm.org>. Additional questions may be sent via email to: info@narm.org

To file a complaint with the Board of Medicine:

The Department of Health Professions receives complaints about health care practitioners (including Licensed Midwives) who may have violated a regulation or law. Complaints for all the licensing and regulatory Boards are received and processed by the Enforcement Division.

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The Department is responsible for administering the laws and regulations pertaining to health care practitioners, which may include conducting investigations of alleged violations. In order for the Department to initiate an investigation, the information it receives must relate to a law or regulation governing a specific regulated profession or facility. While a practitioner's action may be considered improper, unethical or otherwise deserving of corrective action, it may not be a violation of law.

Complaints related to a Licensed Midwife's alleged violation of a regulation or law may be submitted to the Board of Medicine through the Enforcement Division of the Department of Health Professions in writing, by telephone, fax, email, or in person.

Virginia Department of Health Professions

6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor

Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712

Telephone: 1-800-533-1560

Fax: (804) 662-7079

Email: enfcomplaints@dhp.virginia.

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