Terms of Enrollment – Our birth center is designed to offer an alternative approach to normal, family centered childbearing. As a free-standing community based center, it is a rather new type of facility in our country. It may meet the needs of some people, but it will not meet the needs of everyone. In order for you to make a decision about receiving your care during childbearing here at the birth center, we want you to be fully informed about this alternative.

The care at our birth center is offered by certified nurse-midwives and registered nurses, each practicing in accord with the expertise of their own discipline. The nurse-midwives work in direct consultation with qualified physicians. A planned continuum of care has been established so that you will receive the care most appropriate to your individual needs. When you register for care at our birth center you can expect to receive your prenatal, birth and postpartum care from a certified nurse-midwife assisted by nurses, students and counselor members of our care staff. Should problems arise that necessitate medical care, the obstetrician will take over the management of your care.

We have taken every reasonable precaution to insure your safety, comfort and satisfaction. The birth center has available all the equipment, medication and other medical supplies we think necessary for normal childbearing in a homelike setting. We are not a hospital. We do not have an operating room or intensive care unit for mother or baby, nor the highly specialized services and equipment which such units contain. Also, blood or blood fractions and general anesthesia are not administered here and the services of an anesthesiologist are not available. All of these services are available at the hospital in our area. Nevertheless, some physicians and professional organizations have opposed this type of center because they feel there are certain inherent risks to mothers and babies in not being delivered in a hospital.

In case of emergency you will be transferred to the backup hospital. The nurse-midwife will accompany you to the hospital to support you as long as reasonably possible. A physician will manage your care and conduct the delivery.

All hospital expenses incurred at any time shall be your obligation.

Normal postpartum care will be provided by Mountain Midwifery Center, however it is your obligation to select and arrange pediatric care for your baby. These arrangements must be made well before your due date and discussed with the nurse-midwife.

Because of the center’s philosophy of trust and honesty, all decisions concerning your health and the health of your baby will be discussed fully with you whenever possible. Do not hesitate at any time to ask any questions you have about our birth center and its functions as well as anything that concerns you, your baby or your family. Mountain Midwifery Center does have a grievance policy to address any concerns regarding the care you or your infant receives. Enrollment shall be at our exclusive discretion. Applicants will be notified only after all records and the physical examination are completed and laboratory reports received.

By signing this form you are stating you have read and understand the above statement and have had the opportunity to ask questions.

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Client Printed Name  Signature  Date

Partner/Other Parent Printed Name  Signature  Date