



# Apprentice Package Agreement

## Description of Program

Welcome to BetterBirth, LLC's Apprentice Package program.

In this program, your prenatal, labor, delivery, and postpartum care are provided by our apprentice midwives under the supervision of our staff midwives and includes:

- Prenatal and postpartum appointments at our Orem or Salt Lake office.
- Initial lab work and group B strep test.
- Labor and delivery (including waterbirth, if desired) at our birthing suites in Orem with a 4-hour postpartum stay.
- Hearing Screening Test for the newborn.

Your case is assigned to a staff midwife who will meet with you initially, review your chart regularly, call you periodically to make sure you are well, and deal with any unresolved questions and concerns.

Apprentices are generally in our program for a few weeks at a time, so you will likely see several rotate in and out during the course of your care with us. Supervising midwives also rotate their schedules. It is not possible to choose either the apprentice or the supervising midwife who will attend your delivery.

While we assess our apprentices' competency at many points during their training with us, they *are* apprentices, and this means they are not yet fully competent midwives. They will be learning via their experiences in caring for you. Supervising midwives will be teaching them via these experiences. You agree to allow this teaching and learning. Nevertheless, if necessary, the supervising midwife will provide care to you herself if she feels the apprentice cannot do so competently under her supervision. If you are uncomfortable or dissatisfied with the care you are receiving at any point, it is your responsibility to speak to the supervising midwife, your assigned staff midwife, or the director of the program so we may resolve the issue. Your care and satisfaction are our top priority.

You may change your mind about participating in the Apprentice program at any time. Simply notify any supervising midwife, your assigned staff midwife, or the program director that you wish to do so. Any fees you have paid for the Apprentice Package are fully transferrable to any of our other packages with a private midwife. If you decide to transfer out of our practice entirely, our normal refund policy applies.

**In the event of multiple laboring mothers:** BetterBirth, LLC and BellaNatal Birthing Suites have a cooperative relationship and, if appropriate, you may be assigned a birth room at BellaNatal Birthing Suites if the birth room at BetterBirth's facility is occupied. In this event, this agreement will govern as if the birth room you are assigned were at BetterBirth's birthing suites. If another mother arrives in active labor AFTER you have had your baby, you may be required to move to another room to allow the arriving mother to use the birth room.

## Agreement

I, the undersigned, agree to participate in the BetterBirth, LLC Apprentice Program as described in this document.

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Signature

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Date