



Agreement for Birthing Beyond LLC's Certified Labor Support Services

As a doula, I accompany you in labor to help create a safe and satisfying birth experience. I draw on my knowledge and experience to provide emotional support, physical comfort, and the information you need to make informed decisions as they arise in labor. I provide reassurance and perspective to you and your partner, make recommendations for labor progress, and use relaxation, massage, positioning, and other techniques for comfort. I do not use aromatherapy as I am scent sensitive so please no oils or diffusers. I am independent and self-employed; I work for you.

I prefer to meet with you and your partner before labor to become acquainted and discuss your priorities, any concerns and plan how we might best work together. I want to know your birth vision—how you want to bring your baby/babies into the world. Please keep me updated after each care provider appointment. I will be on-call for you two weeks before and after your due date. I will inform you of times when I am unavailable for labor support and will arrange one or more back-up doulas. And of course, I will come if you go early! You may meet my back-up or choose your own.

Please be aware that as a doula:

- ★ I do not perform clinical tasks, such as blood pressure, fetal heart checks, vaginal exams, or other medical procedures that fall under the legal definition of practicing medicine. I am there to provide only physical comfort, emotional support and advocacy.
- ★ I do not provide information, dosages or advice concerning prescriptions, alternative medication or medical advice.
- ★ I do not make decisions for you. I will help you to get the information necessary to make an informed decision.
- ★ I do not speak to the staff on your behalf. I will discuss your concerns with you and suggest options and facilitate conversations.

VANESSA FLOOD'S CONTACT INFORMATION

You may contact me anytime at 913.485.0298c * 913.526.7119alt * birthingbeyond@yahoo.com. I will answer your non-emergency questions/concerns/updates via phone/text/email within 24 hours. I DO NOT provide emergency services and cannot answer any emergent questions and/or concerns. Please call your provider or 911 in an emergency. If you need to speak with me immediately always call twice and leave a message and/or text. Call secondary number 913.526.7119. If you DO NOT receive a callback within 30 minutes please call again. IF you need back-up support, please contact Ali Fallis at 918.527.9718. Phone calls only between 9pm – 9am.

WHEN YOU ARE IN LABOR

I prefer that you call me when you think you are in labor or as soon as your water breaks, even if you do not need me. Together we will decide if I should meet you at the hospital or wait for further change. I can answer questions and make suggestions over the phone. I will usually be with you within two hours from the time you ask me to come. Except for extraordinary circumstances, I will remain with you throughout your labor and birth.

AFTER THE BIRTH

I will remain with you for one to two hours after the birth to make sure that you and baby are stable. During this time I can take photographs and help with initial breastfeeding, as desired. When you are comfortable and ready for family time, I will excuse myself.

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

Birthing Beyond, LLC shall own the copyright of all images created. Birthing Beyond, LLC will share images with the client and may use them for portfolio, samples, advertising in print or social media, website, entry in photographic contests or art exhibitions, editorial use or educational purposes. Birthing Beyond, LLC will not post identifying information of client or use in any other format without prior written consent of the client. Images are kept on file indefinitely. Every effort is made to secure equipment back-up, however, due to the unreliability of digital equipment, data loss can occur at any time; Birthing Beyond, LLC shall not be liable for any loss of digital data whatsoever. Birthing Beyond, LLC grants unrestricted use of photos by clients.

POSTPARTUM

I will call and check-in to see how everyone is doing during your first week. I am available by phone/text/email to answer any questions you may have regarding you or your baby. Please call to schedule your postpartum visit when you are ready to get together. I would love to see how you are doing, review your birth and of course, admire your baby. I will give you your birth photos on CD and timeline. You will also receive a coupon for \$25 off of a lactation visit from Birthing Beyond, LLC.

SCHEDULED CESAREAN DELIVERY

If you give birth by scheduled cesarean (scheduled in advance of your EDD) I can accompany you in the OR if you make prior arrangements with your doctor and the hospital (only available at select hospitals) or prep/recover with you. During your birth/recovery I will take newborn photos, create a timeline, assist with nursing and stay until you are ready for family time. I will call and check in the first week and then we can get together for your postpartum visit when requested.

EXTRAORDINARY DOULA CIRCUMSTANCES

If your need for doula services extends past a twenty-four hour period, I reserve the right to call a back-up so you may continue to receive excellent care and support. A precipitous birth will be paid in full as initial and follow up postpartum care will be provided. Occasionally if I am unable to find a substitute for one of my classes I may step out for a maximum of 4 hours to teach a class. Together we will decide if a back-up doula will be utilized in my absence. Back up doula may not provide photography. Back up paid by primary doula.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE

I will make every effort to provide the services described herein. If I fail to attend your birth due to my error and am unable to provide a back-up doula, there will be no charge for my services beyond the retainer fee, which covers the cost of prenatal visit(s), classes, handouts, and my on-call availability. If it is due to circumstances beyond anyone's control (for example: natural catastrophic events/weather), there will be no charge for services beyond the retainer fee. If you choose not to call me when you are either in labor services will be paid in full.

FEES

The full fee for the service as described herein can be paid by cash, check or credit cards. Credit card payments can be made at www.birthingbeyond.com or by phone. Contracts and check payments may be mailed to Birthing Beyond, LLC, 1619 S. Kenwood, Olathe KS 66062. Checks made payable to Vanessa Flood or Birthing Beyond, LLC. Contracts can be scanned to birthingbeyond@yahoo.com or faxed to 913.234.7303. Receipts can be sent for HSA or FSA reimbursement.

- \$675 Doula Package #1 (includes a private childbirth class through Birthing Beyond, LLC)
- \$600 Doula Package #2 (without a private childbirth class)
- \$400 Doula Package #3 (for previous doula clients)

DISCOUNTS/BARTERS

- \$25 Discount given if full payment is received before the birth of your baby
- \$__

PAYMENTS

- \$225 Non-refundable retainer fee is required to reserve services.
- \$__ Remaining balance is due at postpartum visit.

I/We have read and understood this agreement describing the doula's services and agree to its terms. I consent to the release of this and all other information pertaining to me to the doula(s) designated as backup for my birth.

Date _____

Client _____
(Print)

(Signature)

Partner _____
(Print)

(Signature)

Doula Vanessa Flood, B.A., IBCLC, LCCE, CD(DONA)
(Print)

(Signature)

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PAYMENT RECORD: \$_____ Visa MC DC PayPal Square Check Cash DATE _____ :: \$_____ Visa MC DC PayPal Square Check Cash DATE _____