

## **Little Lambs Birth Services**

### **Transfer of Care**

**Intrapartum:** Medical care outside of my scope of practice may be deemed necessary during your pregnancy. If the situation is decidedly non-emergent, I will refer you to my mentor, Kathy Devine, CNM in Coralville, IA. She will help to determine if a homebirth under my care is still a viable option. If you should need more immediate care, I will refer to the nurse midwives at The Group in Davenport, IA. In an emergency situation, I will transfer you to the nearest hospital with an OB/GYN staff either by personal vehicle or by ambulance, as necessary.

Situations that would cause me to seek guidance or assistance include possible multiple gestation, possible non-cephalic presentation (baby is not head down), unexplained bleeding, preterm labor or rupture of membranes, medical complications such as hypertension, preeclampsia or HELLP Syndrome, etc.

### **Labor/Post Partum:**

#### **Non-Emergency Transport**

- Evaluate you/baby and make a plan of action.
- Call ahead to hospital and/or nurse midwife staff and discuss plan.
- Transport client in a private car or by ambulance, as deemed necessary.
- Appropriate copies of prenatal and labor charts will be given to hospital staff.
- A member of the birth team will remain with you until you are safe and established into care at the hospital. If you should request support through this time, she will remain with you.
- If the transport is done in the postpartum period, a member of the birth team will accompany either the baby or mother to the hospital. Arrangements for the party left behind will be made to reunite them as soon as possible.

#### **Emergency Transport**

- 911 will be called as soon as I deem necessary.
- I will administer the appropriate first aid until the EMT's arrive and are able to assume care.
- I will accompany the client (either mother or infant) to the hospital in the ambulance.
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- If the transport is done in the postpartum period, a member of the birth team will accompany either the baby or mother to the hospital. Arrangements for the party left behind will be made to reunite them as soon as possible.