

LOVERS LANE BIRTH CENTER

Home Birth & Birth Center Disclosure Form

You have participated in the orientation conducted by our professional staff which includes:

- A. your personal inspection of our maternity facilities (birth center births),
- B. orientation to our procedures, methods, and services, as well as our mutual expectations,
- C. frank discussions of how hospital birth and birth out of a hospital differ,
- D. the potential risks of childbearing to the mother and her baby and their management in the Birth Center or at home,
- E. the criteria for management are available for your inspection should you care to see them.

We have taken every reasonable precaution to insure your safety, comfort, and satisfaction. We are a State licensed free standing childbirth facility. **WE ARE NOT A HOSPITAL.** The midwives of Lovers Lane Birth Center have on hand the medications and equipment we think necessary for normal childbearing in a homelike setting. 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. The services of an anesthesiologist are not available. All are available at the Center's referral hospital in our service area.

At any time it may be the judgment of the Lovers Lane Birth Center Staff, based on accepted management criteria, that your care is better provided in another setting. Should transfer to physician or hospital become necessary, your records will be made available to the receiving care provider.

Referral or transfer from the Birth Center or from your home may be needed for you or your baby during your pregnancy, labor, delivery, or after the birth. Transfer will be made as follows:

For you:

To a consulting physician.

For baby:

Pediatrician on call or your private Pediatrician if time permits.

Although one of our staff members is likely to accompany you, hospital rules require that upon admission, the hospital staff and not ours, will have direct and exclusive responsibility for your care. All hospital, ambulance, and/or physician expenses incurred at such time or any other time shall be your obligation and are not included in our financial arrangements.

It is the philosophy of Lovers Lane Birth Center that whenever possible, decisions about your care will be arrived at in consultation with you. Do not hesitate at any time to ask questions or voice concerns.

Because of the nature of our Center, enrollment shall be at our exclusive discretion. Applicants will be notified about acceptance after all records and the physical examination are completed and laboratory reports received, generally at the second visit.

If you have any complaints about Lovers Lane Birth Center you may write or call:

Director, Health Facility Licensure
and Certification Division
Texas Department of Healthcare1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 834-6650

The undersigned have read and understood the above statements and have had the opportunity to ask questions.

It is entirely acceptable.

Client's Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date