Financial Agreement

A clear understanding of the financial agreement with Meager Beginnings helps ensure a smooth working relationship. Toward that end, you are expressly entering into this financial agreement.

Meager Beginnings Fees

The fee for Doula Services provided by Meager Beginnings is $600.00 for the Doula Care Package which includes:

4 routine prenatal and postpartum visits
  - Consultation visit
  - Initial visit
  - Individualized Prenatal Care
  - Herbal and Nutritional Consultation
  - 24/7 On Call availability from 37 weeks (until 1 week postpartum)
  - Labor and Delivery
  - Breastfeeding Support, Education and Counseling
  - Individualized Postpartum Care (until 1 week postpartum)
  - Lending library
  - Handouts

The Doula Care Package fees do not include any “Extra Services” that I provide

- Childbirth Education
- Preconception and/or Fertility counseling and education
- Grief, Childhood Sexual or Domestic Abuse Counseling
- Postpartum Depression Therapy
- Postpartum Doula Services
- Nanny Services
- Maid Services
- Placental Encapsulation
- Placenta Stamping
- Umbilical Cord Art
- Parenting Education and Counseling
- Prenatal, Postpartum or Non-Pregnancy Massage and Reflexology Therapy
- Raindrop Therapy
- Baby Massage or Baby Massage Education
- Maternity, Birth, Newborn or Family Photography
- Birth Videography
• Bereavement Photography, Birth Announcement and 1 Grief Counseling Session

Additional expenses may apply to any service; which may include but are not limited to:

• Travel expenses (when outside of 25 miles from my home) this includes but is not limited to: Airfare, hotel, fuel, meals.
• Fees for additional requested home visits or non-routine visits "such as; extra prenatal or postpartum visits"
• Fees for any "Extra Services" provided
• Herbal remedies, homeopathic remedies or essential oils
• Books borrowed and not returned
• Disposable medical supplies used in the event of an emergency delivery

Any additional expenses during care or service, is determined according to each client's individual needs.

My fees do not include any services not performed by me, including any other healthcare provider fees, consultation, ultrasounds, or visits to other outside providers.

I am not contracted as a in or out of network provider with any insurance company and I cannot bill insurance companies for you at this time. I do not know of an insurance company that covers doula services, if however, your insurance company covers doula services; I am willing to accept payment from them. However, Clients are ultimately responsible for paying for all services provided.

All Fees, Deposits, Refunds, Additional Expenses are described in the “Statement of Informed Disclosure” under the “Pricing Strategy” section and by signing this agreement you are agreeing to all terms listed herein.

Meager Beginnings will offer a $25.00 discount for all payments made in-full prior to starting services at the initial visit; to any service calculating $600.00 or more.

**Termination of Care**

Meager Beginnings has the right to terminate all services if payment is not received as agreed upon, or for any reason she sees fit.

**Violation of Financial Agreement**

If the client/s violates any part of this Financial Agreement including non-payment, the Client/s is in default of this Financial Agreement. In the event of a default, Meager Beginnings may initiate legal proceedings in accordance with local and state regulations to seek judgment/s against the Client/s for any monies owed to Meager Beginnings as a result of Client/s default.

The Client/s agrees and gives permission for Meager Beginnings to garnish any wages if need be; to fulfill the financial agreement.

The Client/s agrees that any court costs and/or fees incurred as a result of a breach of the Financial Agreement will be paid by the Client/s to the court or to Meager Beginnings, whichever is applicable.

All monies for the balance owed are immediately due to Meager Beginnings and Meager Beginnings may sue for the entire balance as well as any damages, expenses, legal fees and costs, etc.
The Client/s understands and agrees that if the Client files a petition of bankruptcy, it will not release the Client/s from the fulfillment of the terms & conditions of the Financial Agreement.

Please initial below:

__________ I have read in full and understand clearly the “Pricing Strategy” in Meager Beginnings Informed Disclosure and agree entirely with all its terms and conditions.

__________ I have been informed that Meager Beginnings has a Sliding Scale and corresponding worksheet, that I may or may not choose to utilize, however; if choosing not to utilize it, I will be charged full price for all services.

__________ I understand that if I violate any part of this Financial Agreement including non-payment, that Meager Beginnings may initiate further legal proceedings in accordance with local and state regulations; to seek judgment against me for the entire balance owed, as well as any damages, expenses, legal fees and costs, etc. owed. I agree to pay court costs and/or fees incurred and any wages I/we receive may be garnished until I/we fulfill the terms & conditions of this Financial Agreement and a petition of bankruptcy will not release me from the fulfillment of the terms & conditions of this Financial Agreement.

I agree to make regular payments in the amount of $____________ per month unless alternate/additional arrangements are made and agreed on by the Meager Beginnings as stated below.

Alternate/Additional Arrangements:

I have read the financial agreement entirely and understand it clearly and agree to all the terms listed.

__________________________________________________________________________  ____________
Client                                      Date

__________________________________________________________________________  ____________
Other responsible party (Father of baby/Spouse/Partner)          Date

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Doula (Vonda Kunz)                                      Date

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