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Planned Place of Birth Informed Consent

I, _____ (the client), am aware that only a midwife registered with the College of Midwives of British Columbia may provide midwifery services, in both the home and hospital setting¹, and I am satisfied that my midwife is so registered.

1. My midwife has discussed with me the following information:
 - a. the benefits of home and hospital birth,
 - b. the risks associated with home and hospital birth,
 - c. the options of planning a home birth, or a hospital birth including the option of labouring at home prior to going to hospital with a registered midwife in attendance,
 - d. the standard procedures and emergency measures that may be used by a midwife assisting with birth in either the home or hospital setting,
 - e. the standard procedures and emergency measures available in the hospital that will not be available at a home birth, without transport to hospital,
 - f. the criteria when transport from home to hospital is indicated during either a planned home birth or while labouring at home prior to hospital admission of a planned hospital birth,
 - g. the situations when transfer of care from a midwife to a physician would be appropriate and the procedures for carrying out a transfer with the midwife remaining in a supportive role, and
 - h. the inability to predict birth outcome in any setting
2. I have received and had the opportunity to read and discuss with my midwife the *Place of Birth Handbook*.
3. My midwife has answered all of my questions concerning home and hospital birth to my satisfaction.
4. I understand the information provided to me.
5. As a client planning a midwife attended birth, if I plan a home birth:
 - a) I agree to transport to hospital during labour or the immediate postpartum if recommended and in consultation with my midwife.
 - b) I understand that planning a home birth will not ensure me a home birth,
 - c) I understand that I can change my plan and choose to give birth in hospital with my midwife in attendance.
6. As a client planning a midwife attended birth, if I plan a hospital birth:
 - a) I agree to transport to hospital during labour when recommended and in consultation with my midwife.
 - b) I understand that I can change my plan and choose to give birth at home with my midwife in attendance if: my labour and birth are expected to be normal; are within the standards of midwifery practice; are within my midwife's scope of practice; and my midwife can arrange for a second attendant to be present.
 - c) Should I decide to birth at home, I agree to transport to hospital during labour or the immediate postpartum if recommended and in consultation with my midwife.

¹ The midwives will reference midwifery standards of practice, and in particular the *Indications for Discussion, Consultation and Transfer of Care*, and the *Indications for Planned Place of Birth*, and other safety concerns where they apply.

