



Bronson
Battle Creek



Affix Patient Label

Doula Agreement

Mother's Name: _____

Doula's Name: _____

Mother's Date of Birth: _____

Doula's Contact Information: _____

Physician/Midwife: _____

Bronson Battle Creek (BBC) wants to have a good working relationship with doulas. This document helps outline the role of doulas while they are working here. A signed copy of this agreement must be given to the hospital.

According to the guidelines from the Doula Organization of North America International (DONA):

- The doula's role is to provide physical and emotional support to a mother and her partner during labor and birth. Her goal is to help a woman have a safe and satisfying childbirth experience as the woman defines it.
- The doula offers comfort measures such as breathing, relaxation, movement and positioning. She may use or suggest measures such as massage, visualization, water therapy and use of a birth ball.
- Doulas specialize in non-medical skills and do not perform clinical tasks. They do not diagnose medical conditions, or give medical advice. They do not make decisions for the mother. The Healthcare provider is responsible to:
 - Focus on the safe delivery of the baby
 - Assess and diagnose medical conditions and offer medical options.
 - Inform and educate a woman about the care she is receiving.
 - If the surgeon or anesthesiologist asks the doula to leave for any reason, the doula will do so without discussion at the time of surgery. The RN circulator will direct the doula to a place to wait, until the case is completed.
 - If the patient requires a general anesthetic, the doula is not allowed in the operating room.

Our goal is to partner with the patient and her support system which may include a doula. The doula is working for the mother. She is not an employee of the hospital or physician. As this patient's doula, I agree to the roles outlined. If the practice guidelines are not followed, the doula may be asked to leave the BirthPlace.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Doula Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____