### PLAN FOR CONSULTATION, COLLABORATION AND TRANSER OF CARE

NY licensed midwives with independent practices provide clinical care and education for during the childbearing year, including care for newborns. Midwives also provide primary care throughout the lifespan. Midwifery care includes ordering laboratory studies, performing cancer screening, prescriptive authority and referrals for genetic testing, ultrasound for fetal evaluation and other tests such as mammography.

NY law requires that midwives have collaborative relationships with physicians and/or hospitals to facilitate consultation, collaboration and/or transfer of care based on the health status of their clients. These may include obstetricians, maternal fetal medicine specialists, pediatricians, and others. Federal regulations (the Emergency Medical Treatment/Active Labor Act) require all hospitals to admit accept patients in labor regardless of prior registration or association with a provider at the hospital.

At any time during pregnancy, labor, or the postpartum six weeks we may determine it is clinically appropriate for you and/or your baby to have your care provided in another setting or by another provider.

If transfer to a physician or hospital becomes necessary, this will be discussed with you and your records will be made available to the collaborating physician and/or hospital.

If you require hospital care, a midwife will accompany you; but unless she has admitting privileges at that hospital, she will no longer be responsible for your clinical care. The midwife who attends your hospital birth at another hospital will offer supportive care including advocacy and will resume postpartum care following hospital discharge.

While emergencies are rare, transfers in these cases are made to the most appropriate hospital. For instance: transferring a baby with special needs or a medical condition requires transfer to the closest hospital, where the baby will be evaluated and treated or transferred by the facility’s medical staff.

All hospital expenses incurred at any time are your responsibility and are not included in our financial agreement.

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