Informed Consent

Using Medicaid Benefits at MMC

For clients enrolled in Health First Colorado (aka Medicaid), it is important to be aware of MMC’s participation with Medicaid and the client’s requirements in this relationship. Mountain Midwifery Center (MMC) has limited abilities to meet the needs of some families using Medicaid. Families needing translation, sibling babysitting, transportation and other resources not available at MMC may be referred to non-MMC providers. MMC is not for everyone and Community Birthing requires pregnancies and home situations to be low risk.

- You must be flexible with appointments. We ask all clients meet all of the midwives before labor. To do this will require flexibility with appointment dates and times. Missing 2 or more prenatal appointments or frequent rescheduling of visits can lead to transfer of the client to a hospital-based practice.
- MMC cannot provide or arrange transportation services. You must have access to reliable transportation to keep your appointments, attend classes on time and come to the birth center for problem visits and in labor.
- MMC has required classes. First time parents must take the Childbirth Preparation Series, Breastfeeding Class and the Postpartum Care Class. Parents who have had a baby elsewhere must take the Birth at MMC Class. Parents returning to MMC are encouraged to take Birth at MMC Class as a “refresher.” ALL FAMILIES are required to attend the Midwife Chat between 34-36 weeks. BIRTH PARTNERS MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES; NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Communication – Clients at MMC must have a reliable phone number with the ability to contact the midwives and to be contacted by our staff.
- Family Support – Clients at MMC must have the chance to be present in their prenatal care and to rest at home after the birth. Reliable babysitting (i.e. child supervision) of siblings must be provided by the patient, by friends or family. MMC clients must have a support person who will attend classes, support them in labor and care for them at home after the birth.
- The registration fee is waived for Medicaid clients, but MMC has numerous non-covered services that are offered to Medicaid clients on a self-pay basis. Retail items, herbal remedies, cervical balloon and use of Nitrous Oxide ARE NOT PAID FOR MY MEDICAID. You will be charged out of pocket for these items. Please review the list in your Maternity Guide to learn more about potential out of pocket costs.
- Your Medicaid eligibility is your responsibility. If your coverage changes to an out-of-network Medicaid HMO, you may not be eligible to continue care with us. Please be sure to read everything that is sent you to by Colorado’s health care agencies and ask questions.
- Clients must hold a Medicaid ID with active coverage to not be treated as a self-pay client. Self-pay rates for our maternity care and facility fees together exceed $4000 – $5000.
- If you have another insurance plan as your primary coverage, we will bill that insurance first as required by law.
- We want you to be aware that some hospital based practices have more resources for families that are Medicaid eligible. As a privately-owned facility, we do not have a social services office that can assist with other programs.
- Newborn charges can be held for 4 weeks while you notify Medicaid about the birth of your baby. If you have not provided us with your baby’s Medicaid ID number by that time, you will be billed for all newborn care charges.

I understand the requirements listed above. I agree to meet these requirements to remain with Mountain Midwifery Center, and I understand that not meeting these requirements can be cause for transfer to another practice/facility.

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Client Printed Name     Signature          Date