



## Homebirth Midwife Interview Questionnaire

### Qualifications and Training

- What are your credentials and certifications as a home birth midwife?
- Can you provide details about your training and educational background?
- Are you licensed to practice as a midwife in our state or region?

### Experience

- How many years of experience do you have as a midwife?
- How many births have you attended in your career?
- What birth settings have you worked in?
- Can you share any specific experiences or challenging situations you've encountered during home births and how you handled them?



### **Approach to Care**

- What is your general approach to providing care during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum?
- How do you tailor your care to the unique needs and preferences of each client?
- Can you describe your philosophy regarding interventions and natural childbirth?

### **Emergency Preparedness**

- What emergency equipment and supplies do you bring to home births?
- How do you handle emergencies or complications that may arise during a home birth?
- Do you have a backup plan in case a transfer to a hospital becomes necessary?



### **Prenatal Care**

- What does your prenatal care schedule typically entail?
- How often will we have prenatal visits, and what will be covered during these appointments?
- Do you offer any prenatal education or resources to help clients prepare for home birth?

### **Postpartum Care**

- What postpartum care and support do you provide to both the mother and the newborn?
- How long will you continue to provide postpartum care following the birth?
- Do you offer any lactation support or guidance?



### **Pain Management and Comfort Measures**

- What pain management options do you offer during labor and birth?
- Can you explain your approach to supporting clients in managing pain naturally?
- Are you open to discussing and accommodating the client's pain relief preferences?

### **Collaboration and Communication**

- How do you collaborate with other healthcare providers, if necessary?
- What is your communication plan for keeping the client and their partner informed throughout labor and birth?



### **Cost and Insurance**

- What are your fees for home birth midwifery services, and what is included in those fees?
- Do you accept health insurance, and if so, which providers do you work with? If not, how do you assist clients to request reimbursement?
- Are there any additional costs or expenses we should be aware of?

### **Philosophy and Values**

- Can you share your personal philosophy and values regarding home birth and midwifery care?
- How do you respect and incorporate cultural, religious, or personal beliefs of your clients into your care?



### Logistics

- What is your on-call availability for labor and birth?
- How far do you typically travel for home births, and what is your response time?
- Do you have any specific requirements or recommendations for the home birth setting?

### Client Support

- How do you provide emotional and psychological support to your clients throughout the pregnancy and birth journey?
- Are there any support groups or resources you can recommend for expectant parents considering home birth?



### **Backup Midwife**

- Do you have a backup midwife or team in case you are unavailable during labor?
- How does the backup midwife selection process work?

### **Client Rights and Informed Consent**

- How do you ensure that clients are fully informed about their choices and have the opportunity to give informed consent throughout the process?
- Can you provide examples of how you respect and prioritize client autonomy?

### **Transportation and Hospital Transfer**

- What is your plan for transportation to the hospital in the event of a necessary transfer?
- How do you manage transfers while ensuring continuity of care?