



## *General questions*

1. What type of midwife are you certified as?
2. Is your midwifery license in Hawaii current and have you been licensed elsewhere?
3. Are there special limitations imposed on your license in Hawaii?
4. What professional liability insurance do you carry, if any?
5. What professional peer review process do you participate in?
6. Are you an in-network provider with any insurance plans?
7. What is your experience and how long have you practiced?
8. What other providers are part of your practice or do you collaborate with?
9. What professional midwife organizations are you affiliated with?

## *Planned home birth questions*

1. Can you describe what your practice looks like for my birth and where appointments will take place?
2. How many people do you plan to have at my birth? What are their roles and experience?
3. Do you have any doulas you would recommend?
4. Do you offer additional services such as water birth or childbirth/newborn care/lactation classes?
5. What time frame are you available on-call for my home delivery? (ex: from 37-42 weeks)
6. What does your plan look like for my care if for some reason you're unavailable?
7. What is your protocol if I go beyond 41 weeks?
8. Do you require me to have co-care with an OB?
9. What do you define as a high-risk condition in pregnancy or postpartum and at what point would it no longer be safe for me to be under your care?
10. Do you consistently offer informed choice on all levels of your care?
11. What tests or screens do you require for me to receive your care?



12. What is the availability and access for treatment under your care for the following:
  - a. Lab work including for anemia, Rh neg factors, STI/STDs, and GBS
  - b. Vitals including high blood pressure
  - c. Screening for genetic abnormalities
  - d. Gestational diabetes screen
  - e. Ultrasound and Doppler use
  - f. Uterine abnormalities/ unique anatomy
  - g. My baby not being head down for birth
  - h. Group Beta Strep (GBS) infection
  - i. Pain management
  - j. Management of labor and birth complications
  - k. Perineal tears and treatment
  - l. Transfer of care to a hospital
  - m. Vitamin K/Antibiotic eye ointment/Hep B vaccine for newborns
  - n. Failure to thrive/ low weight gain in newborns
  - o. Identifying and supporting nursing difficulties, tongue and/or lip-ties & structural abnormalities
13. What is your postpartum schedule for me and my baby/babies under your care?
14. Do you help me file for a birth certificate and Social security card?
15. Is lactation support included in my care and do you have additional specialized training in it?
16. Do you provide midwifery care if I plan to deliver in a hospital with another provider?
17. Do you provide midwifery care if I plan to have an unassisted birth?

### *Financial consideration questions*

1. What is included in your cost of care? Do you itemize or is it a global fee?
2. Will the cost of my labs and ultrasounds be covered under your fee?
3. Is my birth kit included or do I buy it separate?
4. If I want a birth tub, do you have a resource for rental or purchase of a tub?
5. What is your payment plan and when is the balance due for my care?
6. Do you have a refund policy if risk out of a homebirth or if I end my care by choice?

