



PLACENTA ENCAPSULATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Placenta encapsulation is the process of preparing the placenta(s) after the birth of the baby/babies, which includes cleaning, steaming, and dehydrating it to then be ground and placed into capsules. The mother will ingest the capsules as she sees fit during the postpartum time. The ingestion of the placenta is known as “placentophagy”, and the purpose of placentophagy by the mother is to reintroduce the vitamins, minerals, hormones, proteins, and other nutrients to her body following labor and birth to help restore a more balanced body function, prevent baby blues and the more serious postpartum depression, increase breastmilk production, shorten healing time, increase maternal energy levels, and provide an overall feeling of wellness to aid in the transition between pregnancy and the postpartum period.

LIMITATIONS OF CARE

Bump to Baby Birth Services is not a pharmacy, pharmaceutical representative, holistic practitioner, herbalist, or medical doctor. The benefits of placentophagy are supported by ongoing research but have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. Placentophagy, (as it pertains to this contract agreement, is for natural nutritional supplementation and is intended solely for ingestion by the mother who has birthed the placenta(s) and not for her family members, friends, or other individuals), is a natural nutritional supplement and as such cannot be guaranteed to produce specific results, as each placenta and its hormonal makeup is unique. Dana Cluff from Bump to Baby Birth Services is released from all liability and cannot be held responsible for side effects.

_____ client initials

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Bump to Baby Birth Services (Encapsulator) will pick up the client’s placenta(s) at the agreed upon time, outlined in the “Client Responsibility” section below. The **pick-up location (place of birth)** is:

Proper temperatures, cleanliness, and preparation precautions for placentophagy will be carried out by Encapsulator to ensure the highest quality of placenta encapsulation possible. Encapsulator is current with Blood Borne Pathogens training and Food Handler’s Certification in Texas and maintaining a safe, clean placenta workspace is the top priority. Arrangements will either be made for the client to pick up the finished placenta pills from Encapsulator on the day and location agreed upon, OR Encapsulator will deliver the finished encapsulated placenta pills, as well as natural placenta print(s) and umbilical cord keepsake if applicable, within 48-72 hours postpartum to the **drop-off address (listed here):**

CLIENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the client’s responsibility to notify Encapsulator via phone call and messages 972-768-3390 that the placenta needs picked up ASAP after birth. The placenta(s) must be kept clean, uncontaminated, and secure (doubled-bagged in gallon ziplocks is highly recommended) and **placed on ice** (in a cooler that client brings to their birth) **immediately** after delivery, it needs to be cooling an hour after birth. Client may choose to place placenta(s) in a personal refrigerator instead. On the bag/container, you must write in permanent marker the **mother’s name and date of birthing**. Client must not allow the placenta(s) to leave their sight with medical personnel. **Placenta(s) cannot be sent to pathology** for testing or holding. Formalin, formaldehyde, or other harmful chemical-use leaves the placenta(s) unable to be consumed in any way. Client may choose to have a small quarter-sized piece of the placenta(s) sent to pathology if requested. Failure to follow all of these guidelines may result in delayed placenta preparation and encapsulation, may cause decreased potency of nutrients, hormones, and other beneficial attributes of the placenta(s), or may even lead to spoilage of the placenta(s) which would render it unusable for encapsulation.

It is also the client’s responsibility to discuss release of her placenta(s) before and after her birth from the establishment where she delivers, including researching and discussing the new Texas Placenta Release Law, and to ensure proper storage of her placenta(s) in a refrigerator or cooler with the placenta(s) placed on ice until it can be picked up or delivered to Encapsulator for placenta services.

_____ client initials

It is also the client’s responsibility to inform Bump to Baby Birth Services of any known blood-borne illness(es) or other health issues that the Encapsulator, Dana Cluff, may become infected with through contact of bodily fluids (specifically maternal and fetal blood and amniotic fluid), such as Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV, hepatitis, etc, and if this health status changes at any point before the birth.

_____ client initials

INVESTMENT

Bump to Baby Encapsulation Services includes:

- Pick-up of placenta(s) to be encapsulated
- The full placenta preparation and encapsulation process in Encapsulator’s workspace
- Proper storage container of the completed placenta size 0 capsules
- Written instructions for proper storage and handling of the finished placenta pills
- Suggestions for ingestion amounts
- Delivery of the finished placenta pills before 72 hours postpartum to the client at the agreed upon address, or to be picked up from Encapsulator by the client at the date and location agreed upon by both parties.
- Natural placenta prints, cord keepsake, and tincture (if applicable)
- Phone or Email support for questions specifically about Placenta Services during the first 2 weeks after starting the capsules

_____ client initials

_____ Encapsulator initials

Bump to Baby Birth Services takes pride in offering professional and high quality services to the birthing community in the DFW area. To reserve a limited spot in our Encapsulation Calendar, **\$50** is needed at the signing of this contract as a **non-refundable security deposit**. The remainder is due before week 38 of pregnancy, 2 weeks before client’s estimated due date of ____/____/____.

TOTAL INVESTMENT for Placenta Services = \$200

The balance of the total fee must be paid in full before the Encapsulator can come to pick up the placenta(s). To ensure the Encapsulator’s best work for all clients, no refund of any kind will be given after the pick up process, preparation process or encapsulation process has begun. Payments can be made via check or PayPal (BumptoBaby@Mail.com).

_____ client initials

Mother's Phone: (____)_____-_____

Birth Partner's Phone: (____)_____-_____

Emails: _____

I, _____, understand what is laid out in this service agreement. The information I have given is correct and I will promptly update Bump to Baby Birth Services if any information changes.

Client's (Mother's) printed name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Birth Partner's printed name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Encapsulator's signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___