

PLANNED NON-HOSPITAL BIRTH

At Fair Oaks Women's Health:

- We do not provide OB care for a patient who is planning an out-of-hospital birth.
- We do not provide backup OB care for someone providing out-of-hospital birthing services.
- We do not co-manage OB patients with another prenatal care and/or birthing care provider.

We believe that all pregnant women have the right to choose whatever birth experience they prefer. Additionally, our physicians have the right to limit our care and services to patients who are planning a hospital birth and are trusting us as their sole OB care providers.

During the pregnancy if we learn that you are planning a non-hospital birth and are receiving care from another birthing care provider, we consider this to be a voluntary termination of our OB care services and responsibilities. This also means that you'll be discharged as a patient from our group and will be expected to continue your care with your current alternate birth care provider.

Once a patient has been discharged from our group, we no longer provide any medical care to that patient. If that patient arrives at Huntington Hospital for any reason, they are not considered a patient of our group, even if they have received earlier prenatal care with us during that pregnancy. They most likely would be assigned to the Huntington Hospital Laborist service, called OBHG, who will provide all necessary OB care, including delivery and postpartum.

If your plans change and you wish to commit to an in-hospital birth, we will happily continue to provide all the OB care and medical care that you need. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact our office manager at (626) 304-2626.