

Information on Sliding Scale Terms and Payment Plan Terms for Emma Dolan Birth Doula

Sliding Scale Terms

The option of a sliding scale fee is available to make my services accessible for more families who find the full fee prohibitive.

1. The scale option is self-selected, no proof of income required.
2. The birth support package fee is \$2,000. The sliding scale is from \$1,400 to \$2,000. Families can select an amount on that scale that feels the best fit and most accessible.
3. To access the sliding scale fee, email Emma with a request to pay a sliding scale fee and what amount you will be selecting, and she will adjust the contract to reflect that agreement.

Payment Plan Terms

Payment plans are offered for families who find dividing the fee into smaller amounts spaced out over time to be more accessible.

1. The typical payment plan (of \$2,000) is \$1,000 is paid at contract signing (an invoice is sent with multiple payment options, online, Venmo, check...) and \$1,000 paid at the second prenatal meeting or around 36 weeks of pregnancy (invoice sent ahead of meeting with options).
2. Alternate payment plans must follow these guidelines:
 - a. At least 25% of the fee is paid at contract signing as a retainer fee.
 - b. The remaining 75% of the fee can be divided across weekly or monthly payments between the retainer fee payment and the final payment due at the second meeting or 36 weeks of pregnancy.
 - c. The fee must be paid in total by the second prenatal meeting or around 36 weeks.
3. An invoice will be sent for each payment and options for paying online, via Venmo, or with a check.
4. To access an alternate payment plan, let Emma know what plan is best for you and she will adjust the contract to reflect the agreement.

Note: A sliding scale fee and a payment plan may be used together for the same client. They are not exclusive of each other.