

## Information about the on-call fee

The on-call or standby fee is a fixed sum charged to cover the following services:

- Availability at short notice after hospital discharge
- If needed, visits for postpartum care in the evenings or on weekends
- Giving advice and answering questions by phone or SMS

The standby compensation is a one-time fee of CHF 150. For outpatient births (early hospital discharge between 6-12 hours after birth) CHF 250.

Currently, the amount of standby compensation is determined independently by each midwife, however the Swiss Midwives Association is developing a standard of practice for on-call fees.

For more information, please watch the YouTube video “Hebamme Pikettgeld” from the Aargau-Solothurn chapter of the Swiss Midwives Association.

The standby fee is not covered by the basic health insurance, but some supplementary insurance plans and certain communes do cover the costs.

If you are unable to pay the standby fee, please contact me to work out a solution.

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