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Clear Hills County

Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.



Information & Registration Form



CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

File No. 63-10-40

January 1, 2017

RE: Clear Hills County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI) Program Registration

Dear Producer:

This is your registration package for the VSI program. For membership registration please fill out the appropriate information and return the application plus a \$31.50 (GST included) registration fee to the Clear Hills County office. All VSI users will be required to renew their VSI membership every five years to continue to qualify for privileges under the program. No producer with outstanding accounts from our previous VSI program will be able to register again until all pending bills are paid in full.

The VSI program is intended to aid in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of producer and veterinarian service sustainability. The Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will be providing support to the Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) program. Upon registration, Clear Hills County producers would qualify for privileges listed as Schedule "A" under the VSI Agreement terms and conditions.

Please find attached the VSI agreement, application, Schedule "A" (services payable by VSI), and Schedule "B" (services not payable by VSI).

Yours truly,

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Agricultural Fieldman



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V.S.I. APPLICATION FORM

V.S.I. CARD NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF HOME QUARTER: _____

TYPE OF OPERATION: _____

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK: _____

NUMBER OF HEAD: _____

I hereby agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program as set out in the V.S.I. Policy for Clear Hills County. I also understand that this policy may be changed from time to time as deemed necessary. I agree to abide by any changes made.

DATE

APPLICANT

DATE

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

SCHEDULE “A” 50/50 – Effective January 1 2017

This schedule covers the Counties of BIRCH HILLS, CLEAR HILLS, MACKENZE, NORTHERN LIGHTS, NORTHERN SUNRISE and SADDLE HILLS and the MDs of BIG LAKES #125, GREENVIEW #16, PEACE #135, and SMOKY RIVER #130.

Until this Tariff is amended and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2017 contract, VSI Services (1980) Ltd. will pay the listed VSI fee charged by the veterinarian for the services stated herein. All other charges levied in association with the service(s) being claimed must be shown on the invoice.

Note: Unless otherwise noted all **flat rate and hourly fees are fully inclusive** which means the **fee includes local anaesthetic procedures** (including the drugs), **surgical packs, stitch removal** and **all drug administration procedures**.

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A. Ancillary (add-on) Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	21.00	21.00
Epidural	1	16.50	16.50
Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	2.90	2.90
Intravenous Injections	4	5.90	5.90
Stall Fee (calves - per day)	10	14.50	14.50
Stall Fee (older animals)	11	23.25	23.25
Oral Drug Administration	5	16.50	16.50
Subconjunctival injection	7	5.90	5.90
X-ray (2 views)	2	67.50	67.50
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	14.00	14.00
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	19.00	19.00

Note: This fee can **only** be **claimed** in conjunction **with another** valid **VSI claim**. It can only be charged once per occurrence. It is **not** a **per animal** fee.

Note: **Epidurals** can **only** be **claimed** in conjunction **with dystocias** (code 31), **embryotomies** (code 44) & **prolapse revisits** under code 52.

Note: Codes 3, 4, 5 & 7 can **only** be **claimed once per animal** and only in conjunction with a code 26, 27, 50, 51, or 52 claim.

X-ray (2 views)	2	67.50	67.50
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	14.00	14.00
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	19.00	19.00

Note: Please be judicious in taking x-rays in situations where the x-ray won't add to the diagnosis or alter the course of treatment (e.g. most cases of broken legs in calves).

B. Flat Rate Inclusive Surgical Procedures

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	87.00	87.00
Claw Amputation	17	124.50	124.50
Epididymectomy	20	133.50	133.50
Eye Enucleation	16	186.00	186.00
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	216.40	216.40
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	130.00	130.00
RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	241.50	241.50
Rumen Fistula	24	87.50	87.50
Sole Abscess	29	67.00	67.00
Torsions (abomasal or intestinal – calves > 200#)	14	137.50	137.50
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves)	18	137.50	137.50
Urethrostomy	15	108.50	108.50
Vasectomy	19	146.50	146.50

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

Note: **Oxytocin** and/or **uterine boluses** are **included** in **all obstetrical procedures**.

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	248.00	248.00
Dystocia	31	112.50	112.50
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	168.00	168.00
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	198.50	198.50
Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.			
Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	11.50	11.50
Note: This fee only applies for bulls eliminated from further breeding soundness evaluations.			
Semen Test (1 st bull)	60	49.50	49.50
Semen Test (2 nd to 10 th bull)	61	35.00	35.00 each
Semen Test (11 th to 50 th bull)	62	32.00	32.00 each
Semen Test (51 st bull plus)	63	29.00	29.00 each
Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	2.50	2.50 each
Note: A higher fee can be charged for the first animal as per the AB.VMA fee schedule but VSI will only pay the VSI rate for the first animal.			
Prolapses			
-Rectal	74	58.50	58.50
- Uterine	71	111.00	111.00
-Vaginal	81	76.00	76.00
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	87.50	87.50
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	122.50	122.50

D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services

Note: **All** of the **services in this section** are **fully inclusive**. An hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate has been established.

Rates are quoted for **1/4 hour** (15 minute) **intervals**.

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
12A	43.75	43.75	
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	26.25	26.25
Surgery (minor)	13A	29.50	29.50
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	26.25	26.25
Note: Only the actual surgical time should be claimed under codes 12 & 13. Time required for related services, e.g. examination, surgical preparation, immediate post surgical treatments, etc. should be claimed under codes 12B or 13B.			
Professional Services (general)	25	26.25	26.25

Note: This fee is used:

- a) For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems**
- b) In place of codes 50, 51, 52, 55 & 56 **as specified in section "E"**
- c) When **more than two postmortems** are conducted
- d) When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- e) Other instances as agreed to or recommended by the VSI Manager

Time claimed for codes 12, 13 & 25 should be **consistent with** time required by a veterinarian of **average competence**.

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E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	61.50	61.50
Cast Removal	27	29.00	29.00
Examination	50	49.50	49.50
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	34.00	34.00
Examination (re-visit)	52	34.00	34.00
I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor)	55	49.50	49.50 each

Note: **This code includes the examination** and is for situations where the animal is not hospitalized for follow-up care.

I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor	56	87.00	87.00
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Note: **Only** for calves up to **two months old**. It **includes the exam and professional services** for the **first 24 hours**. **Code 52** should be used to cover professional services in **subsequent 24 hour periods**.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52, 55 & 56 will be claimed under code 25 in the following situations:

- When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52, 55 & 56 or
- When one or more specific flat rate codes are claimed which are equal or greater in value to two (2) code 50 claims

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	33.00	33.00
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	52.00	52.00
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	56.50	56.50
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	85.00	85.00

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

Technovit Block - Application of	30	43.50	43.50
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Note: **Materials are included** in this service.

PIGS

All Services

Note: With the exception of the following pig services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate:

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	49.50	49.50
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	34.00	34.00
Examination (re-visit)	52	34.00	34.00

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	35.00	35.00
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	37.50	37.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	46.00	46.00

Note: For **more than 2** postmortems at the **same time** make a **single code 25 claim**.

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SHEEP & GOATS

All Services

Note: Most sheep and goat services can be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13, or 25, as appropriate, with the exception the specific flat rate codes in this section:

All of the sheep codes are inclusive with the exception of codes 33, 50, 51 & 52 where the same conditions apply as for cattle.

Oxytocin and/or uterine boluses are included in all obstetrical procedures.

SERVICE	VSI Code	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	157.50	157.50
Dystocia	33	70.00	70.00
Examination	50	49.50	49.50
Examination (2 nd animal)	51	34.00	34.00
Examination (re-visit)	52	34.00	34.00
Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.			
Semen Test (1 st animal)	66	42.00	42.00
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	32.00	32.00
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	96	35.00	35.00
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	37.50	37.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	46.00	46.00
Note: For <u>more than 2</u> postmortems at the <u>same time</u> make a <u>single code 25 claim</u> .			
Prolapse - Rectal	76	49.50	49.50
Prolapse - Uterine	73	72.50	72.50
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	49.50	49.50

SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated effective January 1, 2013

Following are some of the services not payable by V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd

- a. castrations
- b. dehorning
- c. dockings
- d. spaying heifers
- e. embryo transplants
- f. routine trimming of feet
- g. meat inspection
- h. scrotal hernias - all species
- i. umbilical hernias - all species
- j. cryptorchid surgery- all species
- k. insurance examinations (including mortality, loss of use exams & reports)
- l. listed herd and dispersal sales
- m. shows & sales
- n. endorsement fees
- o. export testing
- p. parentage sampling
- q. routine vaccinations
- r. all drugs and medicines
- s. all laboratory fees
- t. waiting time
- u. after hours or holiday fees
- v. mileage
- w. services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSH.

Hospitalization for any service not specifically listed in Schedule "A".

All "Schedule A" services for species not specifically identified on "Schedule A".

Note: All jurisdictions cover "Schedule A" services for the bovine, porcine, caprine and ovine species. Some jurisdictions cover some, or all, "Schedule A" services for alternative livestock species (e.g. elk, bison, deer, etc.). The specific species and services covered will be identified on the "Schedule A" that was approved by that particular jurisdiction.

All other veterinary services not specifically listed in Schedule "A" as amended from time to time.