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# Clear Hills County

## Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.



Information & Registration Form



## CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

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File No. 63-10-40

January 1, 2023

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 \$52.50 (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,

Greg Coon  
Agricultural Fieldman

**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**  
**Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.**  
**Letter of Understanding and Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Mailing Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ am a resident of Clear Hills County.  
(City/Town) (Postal Code)

By receiving a Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd (V.S.I.) Card, Number \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby agree to the following:

- ✓ I understand Clear Hills County contributes to Veterinary Services Incorporated Ltd. and that I can receive certain veterinary services under the V.S.I. Program.
- ✓ I agree to make any payment required within thirty (30) days of an invoice being issued by Clear Hills County with respect to overuse of service limits of the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program. I fully understand that failure to pay the invoice within thirty (30) days of issuance will result in an immediate termination of my receiving benefits of the Program.
- ✓ I have received a copy of the V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. Schedule "A" Tariff of Fees and Schedule "B" Non Payable Services.
- ✓ I understand that this is a cost share program between the County and VSI members, and that the cost share ratios may change at Council's discretion.
- ✓ I understand that service fees and service limits may change from year to year, at the discretion of Council and/or the Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Producer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness



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**V.S.I. APPLICATION FORM**

**V.S.I. CARD NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.  
Schedule "A" 50/50- Effective Jan 1, 2023

**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2023 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, suture materials, stitch removal and all drug administration procedures.**

**CATTLE**

**A. Ancillary (add-on) Services**

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	51.60	25.80	25.80

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.

Epidural	1	41.80	20.90	20.90
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Note: **Epidurals** can **only** be **claimed** in conjunction **with dystocias** (code 31), **embryotomies** (code 44 & 45) & **prolapse revisits** under code 52.

Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections	3	7.70	3.85	3.85
Intravenous Injections	4	15.10	7.55	7.55
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	38.20	19.10	19.10
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	60.80	30.40	30.40
Oral Drug Administration	5	42.00	21.00	21.00
Subconjunctival injection	7	15.10	7.55	7.55

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	179.70	89.85	89.85
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	37.70	18.85	18.85
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	50.30	25.15	25.15

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	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	225.30	112.65	112.65
Claw Amputation	17	328.20	164.10	164.10
Epididymectomy	20	352.00	176.00	176.00
Eye Enucleation	16	492.20	246.10	246.10
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	571.90	285.95	285.95
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	342.60	171.30	171.30

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	638.60	319.30	319.30
Rumen Fistula	24	230.90	115.45	115.45
Sole Abscess	29	177.00	88.50	88.50
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#)	14	363.00	181.50	181.50
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calves)	18	363.00	181.50	181.50
Urethrostomy	15	286.60	143.30	143.30
Vasectomy	19	387.00	193.50	193.50

**C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services**

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

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	669.00	334.50	334.50
Dystocia	31	302.40	151.20	151.20
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	454.70	227.35	227.35
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	535.00	267.50	267.50

Note: Code #1 (epidural) can be added, as appropriate, with codes 31, 44, 45 & 52.

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	31.40	15.70	15.70
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Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1 <sup>st</sup> bull)	60	129.40	64.70	64.70
Semen Test (2 <sup>nd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> bull)	61	91.40	45.70	45.70 each
Semen Test (11 <sup>th</sup> to 50 <sup>th</sup> bull)	62	83.80	41.90	41.90 each
Semen Test (51 <sup>st</sup> bull plus)	63	75.90	37.95	37.95 each
Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	6.30	3.15	3.15 each
Heifer Maturity Palpation (per head)	6hp	6.30	3.15	3.15 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 (includes epidural given)				
-Rectal	74	157.20	78.60	78.60
- Uterine	71	284.80	142.40	142.40
-Vaginal	81	204.70	102.35	102.35
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	236.30	118.15	118.15
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	330.50	165.25	165.25

**D. Hourly Rates for Surgical & Professional Services**

Note: **Rates** are quoted for **1/4 hour** (15 minute) intervals. -- **All** of the **services** in this section are **fully inclusive** and an hourly rate can't be used for services for which a flat rate fee has been established.

Code **12A/12B** or **13A/13B** claims **CAN'T EXCEED 1½ hours** (parts A & B combined)

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	123.40	61.70	61.70
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	70.10	35.05	35.05
Surgery (minor)	13A	76.10	38.05	38.05
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	70.10	35.05	35.05

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	70.10	35.05	35.05
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Note: This fee is used:

- For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems** (max. 2 units for set-up Veterinary-client-Patient Relation)
- In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 **as specified in section "E"**
- When **more than two postmortems** are conducted
- When a single animal is examined, euthanized then subjected to a postmortem
- 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**.

**E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services**

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	162.90	81.45	81.45
Cast Removal	27	76.70	38.35	38.35
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 <sup>nd</sup> animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor	53	82.70	41.35	41.35
I.V. Hook - up (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> no monitor)	55	148.40	74.20	74.20

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	212.30	106.15	106.15
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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 **53** should be **used** to cover professional services in **subsequent 24 hour periods**.

Services normally covered by codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 will be claimed under code 25 when more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55

Services normally covered under 50 in combination with flat fee(s) of equal or greater value automatically become code 51 - second animal

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	88.00	44.00	44.00
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	140.00	70.00	70.00
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	150.70	75.35	75.35
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	226.60	113.30	113.30

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

Technovit Block - Application of	30	114.20	57.10	57.10
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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	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 <sup>nd</sup> animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35

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

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	123.30	61.65	61.65

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

**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 of 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	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	423.00	211.50	211.50
Dystocia	33	188.20	94.10	94.10
Examination	50	133.30	66.65	66.65
Examination (2 <sup>nd</sup> animal)	51	82.70	41.35	41.35
Examination (re-visit)	52	82.70	41.35	41.35

Note: Codes 3, 4 & 5 can be claimed with codes 26, 27, 50, 51 & 52, as appropriate.

Semen Test (1 <sup>st</sup> animal)	66	113.00	56.50	56.50
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	85.80	42.90	42.90
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	96	94.40	47.20	47.20
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	101.00	50.50	50.50
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	123.30	61.65	61.65

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

Prolapse - Rectal	76	133.40	66.70	66.70
Prolapse - Uterine	73	194.70	97.35	97.35
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	133.40	66.70	66.70
Prolapse - Vaginal & Rectal (NEW)	85	173.40	86.70	86.70

**ELK & BISON**

**Specified Services**

Note: The only services covered for elk & bison are pregnancy tests, semen tests and postmortems. Pregnancy & Semen tests can be charged at the flat rates for cattle or by the hour under code 25

Assuming that the hourly rate will only be used when the flat rate is not adequate you are asked to consider whether the extra amount is justified due to the inherent difficulty in working with these species or whether it is due to poor facilities or inadequate help. If the problem is poor facilities or poor help then the producer should assume 100% of the extra fees.

The following codes apply to postmortems for elk & bison:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50.00% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	88.00	44.00	44.00
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	140.00	70.00	70.00
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	150.70	75.35	75.35
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	226.60	113.30	113.30

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



# V.S.I. SERVICES (1980) LTD.

## SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2023**

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, artificial insemination
- f) routine trimming of feet
- g) meat inspection
- h) scrotal hernias - all species
- i) umbilical hernias - all species
- Note:** With the exception of eviscerated hernias in newborn calves
- 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, emergency, or holiday fees
- v) mileage
- w) services relating to quality assurance programs such as CQA & QSH.
- x) internal fracture fixation procedures
- y) hospitalization for any **service not listed in Schedule "A"**
- z) Services under codes 12A/B & 13A/B over & above 1½ hours
- aa) Exams for non-conventional treatments and those treatments. (Examples: adjustments, acupuncture etc.)
- ab) VCPR consultations for a period longer than 2 units of code #25 (on farm only)
- ac) Blood transfusions (collection portion)

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.

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