



# Clear Hills County

Effective Date: <b>January 12, 2021</b>	Policy Number <b>6311</b>
Title: <b>Veterinary Service Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Program (VSI)</b>	

## 1. **Policy Statement:**

- 1.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the value of aiding in the development of livestock expansion with a long term goal of livestock producer and veterinarian service sustainability.

## 2. **Purpose:**

- 2.1. To provide assistance to County livestock producers with veterinarian costs.
- 2.2. To retain local large animal veterinarians through the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program.
- 2.3. To establish guidelines for Clear Hills County's involvement in the VSI program.

## 3. **Responsibilities**

- 3.1. Council will allocate an annual VSI budget in accordance with the VSI agreement.
- 3.2. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council amendments to the VSI program and level of service as necessary.
- 3.3. The Agricultural Service Board will recommend to Council the membership fee for participation in the program and this fee may from time to time be reviewed and amended.
  - 3.3.1. The membership fee will be included in the County Schedule of Fees Bylaw.
  - 3.3.2. Memberships will be valid for five years from the time of membership renewal or entry into the program.
- 3.4. Eligible participants must be a resident in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.
- 3.5. Participants in the VSI program will:
  - 3.5.1. be limited to one membership per farm unit;

3.5.2. sign and complete an application form and enter into a Clear Hills County Veterinarian Services Incorporated (1980) Letter of Understanding and Agreement. Attached as Schedule A.

3.6. VSI Services will:

3.6.1. Provide a schedule of fees for eligible veterinarian services on an annual basis;

3.6.2. Provide quarterly summaries of program users and claims.

3.7. Service Limitations:

3.7.1. Effective January 12, 2021 there will be an annual cap on the county's 50% portion of service costs at \$1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred dollars) per membership.

3.7.2. Administration will invoice any users who exceed any service limitations in the amount of the County's contribution to the service that has been exceeded.

**4. End of Policy**

**ADOPTED:**

Resolution C438 (05/24/11)

Date: May 24, 2011

**AMENDED:**

Resolution C28-16 (10/12/16)

Date: January 12, 2016

Resolution C404-17 (08/22/17)

Date: August 22, 2017

Resolution C14-21 (01/12/27)

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