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Policy Statement

Birch Hills County recognizes the importance of veterinary services to support the productivity of the livestock industry and animal health. For this reason, Birch Hills County has created a policy to provide guidelines for continued participation in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (V.S.I) Program.

Guidelines

1. Council shall:
    a. Allocate funds annually to the V.S.I Program;
    b. Appoint a member of the Agricultural Service Board to sit on the V.S.I Board of Directors over-seeing the master agreement with V.S.I. that will report to Council and the Agricultural Service Board and relate ideas or concerns from the County to the V.S.I. Board and vice versa;
    c. establish the level of funding to be provided to V.S.I. during budget deliberations with due regard for requisition values.
2. The County will forward a cheque to V.S.I for the full amount requisitioned for the year, even if the budgeted amount is exceeded.
3. At the end of the year, the Director of Agriculture shall calculate the percentage of use that was incurred by each V.S.I member. The Difference between the level of funding approved and the amount requisitioned shall be charged back to V.S.I. members based on their percentage of use.
4. The County may waive the funding difference if administration feels that the cost collection will exceed the amount in question.
5. The County shall not bill back any amounts of $25.00 or less to V.S.I. participants.
6. Any V.S.I. member refusing to pay the billed amount will lose his/her privileges under V.S.I. until such time as the account is paid.
7. Any Birch Hills County livestock producers seeking subsidy under the V.S.I. program is required to apply for membership through the Agricultural Services Department for verification of eligibility. Eligibility requirements will be in accordance with the agreement between Birch Hills County and Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. Producers, regardless of the size of the operation, shall only be issued one V.S.I. number.
8. Livestock producers currently residing and raising eligible livestock primarily in Birch Hills County are eligible to apply for funding under the V.S.I. program;

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9. producers with extenuating circumstances, such as whose home quarter is divided by an adjacent Municipality border, may present to the Agricultural Service Board for consideration regarding inclusion in the program.
10. The Director of Agriculture will maintain an up-to-date active V.S.I. Client list and will issue membership cards to new and continuing members as required.
11. The items to be covered by V.S.I. within the County shall be per the most current agreement with V.S.I., unless the County Council chooses to add or delete specific items covered within the County.
12. This policy shall be supported by Resolution of Council.
13. Addition of species not specified in the master agreement with V.S.I. shall be considered and subject to Council approval.
14. The V.S.I. program may be reviewed on an as required basis.

REEVE **C.A.O**

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V.S.I. Services (1980) LTD.
Schedule "A" 60/40- Effective Jan 1 2019

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LESSER SLAVE RIVER #124

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2019 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	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Clinic Outpatient Fee	9	45.10	27.06	18.04

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	35.10	21.06	14.04

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	6.30	3.78	2.52
Intravenous Injections	4	12.60	7.56	5.04
Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.)	10	32.50	19.50	13.00
Stall Fee (older animals -per day)	11	49.40	29.64	19.76
Oral Drug Administration	5	35.10	21.06	14.04
Subconjunctival injection	7	12.60	7.56	5.04

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	144.30	86.58	57.72
X-ray (subsequent views - each)	21	30.00	18.00	12.00
X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge	8	40.40	24.24	16.16

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	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Abscesses	28	185.70	111.42	74.28
Claw Amputation	17	266.10	159.66	106.44
Epididyectomy	20	285.50	171.30	114.20
Eye Enucleation	16	397.30	238.38	158.92
LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum)	22	462.30	277.38	184.92
Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement	35	277.60	166.56	111.04

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum)	23	515.90	309.54	206.36
Rumen Fistula	24	186.80	112.08	74.72
Sole Abscess	29	143.30	85.98	57.32
Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#	14	293.90	176.34	117.56
Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calve	18	293.90	176.34	117.56
Urethrostomy	15	231.90	139.14	92.76
Vasectomy	19	313.30	187.98	125.32

C. Flat Rate Obstetrical and Reproductive Services

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

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Caesarean Section	41	530.00	318.00	212.00
Dystocia	31	240.40	144.24	96.16
Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts)	44	359.00	215.40	143.60
Embryotomy (3 or more cuts)	45	424.00	254.40	169.60

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

Scrotal Circumference Measurement	65	24.70	14.82	9.88

Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

Semen Test (1st bull)	60	106.00	63.60	42.40
Semen Test (2nd to 8th bull)	61	75.00	45.00	30.00 each

Note: There is a **limit of 8** bulls per producer

Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	5.40	3.24	2.16 each

Note There is a **limit** of **200** per VSI Client
A higher fee can by 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	124.90	74.94	49.96
- Uterine	71	237.20	142.32	94.88
-Vaginal	81	162.20	97.32	64.88
-Vaginal & Rectal	84	186.80	112.08	74.72
Uterine Torsion (manual correction)	46	261.90	157.14	104.76

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	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Surgery (major)	12A	93.40	56.04	37.36
Non Surgical Professional time	12B	56.20	33.72	22.48
Surgery (minor)	13A	63.00	37.80	25.20
Non Surgical Professional time	13B	56.20	33.72	22.48

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	56.20	33.72	22.48

Note: This fee is used:

a) For **herd** health visitations and/or **problems**
b) In place of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 **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**.

E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum fee	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Cast Application (closed reduction)	26	131.20	78.72	52.48
Cast Removal	27	61.90	37.14	24.76
Examination	50	106.00	63.60	42.40
Examination (2nd animal)	51	72.40	43.44	28.96
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	43.44	28.96
Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor (NEW)	53	72.40	43.44	28.96
I.V. Hook - up (1st & 2nd no monitor)	55	118.60	71.16	47.44

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	185.70	111.42	74.28

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 in the following situations:

a) When more than two (2) claims are made using any combination of codes 50, 51, 52 & 55 or
b) 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	70.30	42.18	28.12
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	111.30	66.78	44.52
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	120.70	72.42	48.28
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	181.60	108.96	72.64

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

Technovit Block - Application of	30	92.90	55.74	37.16

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	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Examination	50	106.00	63.60	42.40
Examination (2nd animal)	51	72.40	43.44	28.96
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	43.44	28.96

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

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	93	75.00	45.00	30.00
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	94	80.30	48.18	32.12
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	95	98.10	58.86	39.24

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	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Caesarean	43	336.30	201.78	134.52
Dystocia	33	149.60	89.76	59.84
Examination	50	106.00	63.60	42.40
Examination (2nd animal)	51	72.40	43.44	28.96
Examination (re-visit)	52	72.40	43.44	28.96

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

Semen Test (1st animal)	66	89.80	53.88	35.92
Semen Test (subsequent animals)	67	68.20	40.92	27.28
Postmortem - 20 pounds or less	96	75.00	45.00	30.00
Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds	97	80.30	48.18	32.12
Postmortem - over 100 pounds	98	98.10	58.86	39.24

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

Prolapse - Rectal	76	106.00	63.60	42.40
Prolapse - Uterine	73	154.80	92.88	61.92
Prolapse - Vaginal	83	106.00	63.60	42.40

ELK & BISON
All Services

Note: Elk & Bison services are to be billed by the hour under codes 12, 13 or 25 as appropriate with the exception of post mortems which will be charged as follows:

SERVICE	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	60% VSI fee	40% CLIENT fee
Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	70.30	42.18	28.12
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less	90	111.30	66.78	44.52
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	120.70	72.42	48.28
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	181.60	108.96	72.64

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 <u>January 1, 2019</u>**

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
   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 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 <u>not</u> 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**

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.