

Title: Veterinary Services Incorporated

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes the importance of continued participation in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI.) program to assist in the recruitment and retention of available veterinary services, to enhance the productivity of the livestock industry and to promote Best Management Practices for improved animal health.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **ASB** means Agricultural Service Board.
- 1.2. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.3. **VSI** means Veterinary Services Incorporated.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1. Clients seeking subsidy under the VSI program are required to apply for membership through Agricultural Services for verification of eligibility.
- 2.2. VSI members shall be required to notify Greenview every three (3) years in January to advise of their intent to continue the use of VSI, at which point, all pertinent information shall be updated.
- 2.3. If a VSI member fails to advise of their intent to continue using the services for five (5) consecutive years, their membership privileges may be discontinued.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. VSI is a service available to livestock owners who are ratepayers and whose primary residence is within Greenview boundaries.
- 3.2. Animal species qualified for subsidization of eligible procedures (as per Schedule A & B) through VSI, are as follows:

- 3.2.1. Bovine (Cattle)
- 3.2.2. Porcine (Swine)
- 3.2.3. Ovine (Sheep)
- 3.2.4. Caprine (Goats)
- 3.2.5. Megachilidae (Cutter Bees)
- 3.2.6. Apis mellifera (Bees)
- 3.2.7. Bison bison (Bison)

4. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. Council shall, during budget deliberations, establish the level of funding to be provided to VSI, with due regard for requisition values.

5. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1. Council shall appoint a member to sit on the VSI Board. The appointed member will report to Council and ASB, and transfer ideas or concerns to the VSI Board and vice versa.
- 5.2. Greenview shall enter into an agreement and forward funds to VSI for the full requisition amount for the upcoming year.
- 5.3. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall review and present VSI quarterly activity reports to ASB meetings during the month following receipt of the quarterly report, for review and recommendations to Council.
- 5.4. The Manager of Agricultural Services shall maintain an up-to-date active VSI client list and will issue membership cards to new and continuing members as required.
- 5.5. Any final decisions regarding dispute or eligibility will be up to the Manager, Agricultural Services' discretion.

BIRCH HILLS, MACKENZIE, NORTHERN LIGHTS, NORTHERN SUNRISE, and SADDLE HILLS COUNTIES and the MD's of GREENVIEW #16, PEACE #135, and SMOKY RIVER #130

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2020 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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Clinic Outpatient Fee | 9 | 46.40 | 23.20 | 23.20 |

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.

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| Epidural | 1 | 35.80 | 17.90 | 17.90 |
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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.

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| Intramuscular or Subcutaneous Injections | 3 | 6.50 | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| Intravenous Injections | 4 | 13.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| Stall Fee (calves - per 24 hr.) | 10 | 33.40 | 16.70 | 16.70 |
| Stall Fee (older animals -per day) | 11 | 50.80 | 25.40 | 25.40 |
| Oral Drug Administration | 5 | 36.10 | 18.05 | 18.05 |
| Subconjunctival injection | 7 | 13.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 |

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.

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| X-ray (2 views) | 2 | 148.30 | 74.15 | 74.15 |
| X-ray (subsequent views - each) | 21 | 30.80 | 15.40 | 15.40 |
| X-ray – Digital Equipment Surcharge | 8 | 41.50 | 20.75 | 20.75 |

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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
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| Abscesses | 28 | 190.90 | 95.45 | 95.45 |
| Claw Amputation | 17 | 273.60 | 136.80 | 136.80 |
| Epididymectomy | 20 | 293.50 | 146.75 | 146.75 |
| Eye Enucleation | 16 | 408.40 | 204.20 | 204.20 |
| LDA (Left Displaced Abomasum) | 22 | 475.20 | 237.60 | 237.60 |
| Omphalitis – Intra-abdominal debridement | 35 | 285.40 | 142.70 | 142.70 |

Note: For superficial procedures with minimal debridement use code 28

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| RDA (Right Displaced Abomasum) | 23 | 530.30 | 265.15 | 265.15 |
| Rumen Fistula | 24 | 192.00 | 96.00 | 96.00 |
| Sole Abscess | 29 | 147.30 | 73.65 | 73.65 |
| Torsion (abomasal or intestinal – calves < 200#) | 14 | 302.10 | 151.05 | 151.05 |
| Umbilical Hernia (eviscerated in newborn calve) | 18 | 302.10 | 151.05 | 151.05 |
| Urethrostomy | 15 | 238.40 | 119.20 | 119.20 |
| Vasectomy | 19 | 322.10 | 161.05 | 161.05 |

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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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Caesarean Section | 41 | 544.80 | 272.40 | 272.40 |
| Dystocia | 31 | 247.10 | 123.55 | 123.55 |
| Embryotomy (1 or 2 cuts) | 44 | 369.10 | 184.55 | 184.55 |
| Embryotomy (3 or more cuts) | 45 | 435.90 | 217.95 | 217.95 |

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

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| Scrotal Circumference Measurement | 65 | 25.40 | 12.70 | 12.70 |
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Note: This fee **only** applies for **bulls eliminated** from further breeding soundness evaluations.

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| Semen Test (1 st bull) | 60 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |
| Semen Test (2 nd to 10 th bull) | 61 | 77.10 | 38.55 | 38.55 each |
| Semen Test (11 th to 51 st bull) | 62 | 70.30 | 35.15 | 35.15 each |
| Semen Test (51 st bull plus) | 63 | 63.60 | 31.80 | 31.80 each |

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| Pregnancy Testing (per head) | 6 | 5.60 | 2.80 | 2.80 each |
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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.

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| Prolapses | | | | |
| -Rectal | 74 | 128.40 | 64.20 | 64.20 |
| - Uterine | 71 | 243.80 | 121.90 | 121.90 |
| -Vaginal | 81 | 166.70 | 83.35 | 83.35 |
| -Vaginal & Rectal | 84 | 192.00 | 96.00 | 96.00 |
| Uterine Torsion (manual correction) | 46 | 269.20 | 134.60 | 134.60 |

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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Surgery (major) | 12A | 96.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 |
| Non Surgical Professional time | 12B | 57.80 | 28.90 | 28.90 |
| Surgery (minor) | 13A | 64.80 | 32.40 | 32.40 |
| Non Surgical Professional time | 13B | 57.80 | 28.90 | 28.90 |

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.

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| Professional Services (general) | 25 | 57.80 | 28.90 | 28.90 |
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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**.

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E. Flat Rate Non-Surgical Professional Services

| SERVICE | VSI Code | Maximum fee | 50% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|---|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Cast Application (closed reduction) | 26 | 134.90 | 67.45 | 67.45 |
| Cast Removal | 27 | 63.60 | 31.80 | 31.80 |
| Examination | 50 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |
| Next 24 hr IV hook-up + monitor (NEW) | 53 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |
| I.V. Hook - up (1 st & 2 nd no monitor) | 55 | 121.90 | 60.95 | 60.95 |

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

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| I.V. Hook - up + 24 hour monitor | 56 | 190.90 | 95.45 | 95.45 |
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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

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|---------------------------------|----|--------|-------|-------|
| Postmortem - Brain Removal | 99 | 72.30 | 36.15 | 36.15 |
| Postmortem - 300 pounds or less | 90 | 114.40 | 57.20 | 57.20 |
| Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds | 91 | 123.10 | 61.55 | 61.55 |
| Postmortem - over 800 pounds | 92 | 185.20 | 92.60 | 92.60 |

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

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| Technovit Block - Application of | 30 | 95.50 | 47.75 | 47.75 |
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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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
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| Examination | 50 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |

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

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| Postmortem - 20 pounds or less | 93 | 77.10 | 38.55 | 38.55 |
| Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds | 94 | 82.50 | 41.25 | 41.25 |
| Postmortem - over 100 pounds | 95 | 100.80 | 50.40 | 50.40 |

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 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% VSI fee | 50% CLIENT fee |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Caesarean | 43 | 345.70 | 172.85 | 172.85 |
| Dystocia | 33 | 153.80 | 76.90 | 76.90 |
| Examination | 50 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |
| Examination (2 nd animal) | 51 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |
| Examination (re-visit) | 52 | 74.40 | 37.20 | 37.20 |

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

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| Semen Test (1 st animal) | 66 | 92.30 | 46.15 | 46.15 |
| Semen Test (subsequent animals) | 67 | 70.10 | 35.05 | 35.05 |
| Postmortem - 20 pounds or less | 96 | 77.10 | 38.55 | 38.55 |
| Postmortem - 20 to 100 pounds | 97 | 82.50 | 41.25 | 41.25 |
| Postmortem - over 100 pounds | 98 | 100.80 | 50.40 | 50.40 |

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

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| Prolapse - Rectal | 76 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |
| Prolapse - Uterine | 73 | 159.10 | 79.55 | 79.55 |
| Prolapse - Vaginal | 83 | 109.00 | 54.50 | 54.50 |

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SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2020**

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 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**

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.