

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.
- 1.4. Primary Residence means living in a house, rental, or in the case of an entry level producer, in shared accommodations within the boundaries of Greenview.

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 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:

- A) Bovine (Cattle)
- B) Porcine (Swine)
- C) Ovine (Sheep)
- D) Caprine (Goats)
- E) Megachilidae (Cutter Bees)
- F) Apis mellifera (Bees)
- G) 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 of Agricultural Services' discretion.

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MD's of GREENVIEW #16

Until this Tariff is amended, and subject to the terms and conditions of the year 2021 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.

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.

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.

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
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

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 calves)	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.

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.

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
Pregnancy Testing (per head)	6	5.60	2.80	2.80 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	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.

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.

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

Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	72.30	36.15	36.15
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	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**.

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
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

Postmortem - 20 pounds or less / telemedicine	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.

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 / telemedicine	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**.

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

BISON

All Services

Note: 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	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
Postmortem - Brain Removal	99	72.30	36.15	36.15
Postmortem - 300 pounds or less / telemedicine	90	114.40	57.20	57.20
Postmortem - 300 to 800 pounds	91	124.10	62.05	62.05
Postmortem - over 800 pounds	92	186.70	93.35	93.35

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

BEEES

Establishment of VCPR only (2 units max allowed)

SERVICE (per unit of 15 minutes)	VSI Code	Maximum Fee	50% VSI fee	50% CLIENT fee
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SCHEDULE "B"

Annexed to and forming a part of the agreement dated **effective January 1, 2021**

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 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**
- 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.