SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

POLICY TITLE V.S.I.

Veterinary Services Incorporated

POLICY NO. AG02

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DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE

CAO CROSS REFERENCE | AMENDED DATE DCS **COUNCIL RESOLUTION** December 14, 2004 NO.: 11.03.03.25 DATE: February 27, 2001

PURPOSE:

The County recognizes the importance of its livestock industry and will participate in the Veterinary Services Insurance Program in support of that industry.

POLICY:

- 1. Eligibility:
- a) Landholders who presently reside and raise eligible livestock on their property within the County shall qualify for VSI program.
- b) Eligible livestock shall be those defined in the agreement with the company providing the insurance.
- 2. Program Support:
- a) A prime purpose of this policy is to maintain veterinary services for the County.
- b) This program will also provide direct support to the livestock producers for their costs related to veterinary services.
- 3. Administration:
- a) Livestock producers wishing to access this program must sign an application in a form satisfactory to the County.
- b) On receipt of an eligible application, the County will issue a card containing an identification number to the applicant.
- c) The applicant must produce the identification card to the Veterinarian to receive program support.
- d) VSi cards shall be reviewed annually by administration.
- 4. Master Agreement:
- a) The County will review its master agreement annually.
- b) The County will appoint a member of the Agricultural Service Board to sit on the Board of Directors overseeing the master agreement.
- 5. Payments Under the Agreement:
- a) The County shall make payments to the program operator in accordance with the terms of the master agreement.
- b) All claims made by the operator must be supported by identification card numbers.
- c) The County reserves the option to charge back to producers, based on percentage used, in excess of the funding pool retained by VSI for the VSI program.
- d) Those failing to cover their percentage of the V.S.I. deficit after 60 days of the invoice date will have their number withdrawn.
- e) The County shall implement the charge back procedure if a deficit of \$5,000.00 or more is incurred. Charge back would be billed to those users of the program who exceeded \$50.00 of usage.
- f) Producers may apply for a new card after full payment is received on any outstanding accounts.

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