


SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

	<u>POLICY TITLE</u>	POLICY NO.	PAGE		
	V.S.I. Veterinary Services Incorporated	<i>AG02</i>	<u>1 OF 1</u>		
		DEPARTMENT: <i>AGRICULTURE</i>			
COUNCIL RESOLUTION	DCS	DPW	CAO	CROSS REFERENCE	AMENDED DATE
NO.: 11.03.03.25 DATE: February 27, 2001					<i>December 14, 2004</i>
<u>PURPOSE:</u>					
<p>The County recognizes the importance of its livestock industry and will participate in the Veterinary Services Insurance Program in support of that industry.</p>					
<u>POLICY:</u>					
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Those failing to cover their percentage of the V.S.I. deficit after 60 days of the invoice date will have their number withdrawn.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.					