



FAQ Specialist Veterinary Referral Subsidy (SVRS)

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8. Can I appeal if my application is rejected?

Yes, appeals can be made in writing to General Manager, Integrity with a brief description and/or evidence for reconsideration of application by email to integrity@hrv.org.au or by post to: 400 Epsom Road, Flemington PO Box 184, Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039.

9. Is individual financial situation considered when granting SVRS?

No, eligibility for SVRS is determined solely based on the horse's injuries.



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1. Who can apply for SVRS?

Owners, trainers, or an authorised agent for an owner registered with Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) can apply for SVRS.

2. What injuries are covered under SVRS?

Only serious veterinary conditions which, in the opinion of the on-track veterinarian, have an immediate need for specialist veterinary care would be covered by the subsidy. Examples would include suspected fracture, severe laceration, severe colic etc.

3. Are cost of X-rays and blood tests covered?

Yes, diagnostic testing such as imaging and laboratory tests required for the accurate diagnosis/prognosis will be covered as part of SVRS.

4. Which are 'Specialist Veterinary Hospital'?

For the purposes of the subsidy a 'Specialist Veterinary Hospital' would be the following hospitals where the appropriate skill, expertise and diagnostic equipment are available:

- U-Vet Werribee Equine Centre;
- Ballarat Veterinary Practice;
- Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital;
- Bendigo Equine Hospital;
- Morphettville Equine Hospital (covering Mildura race meetings & South Australian participants).

5. How much is the subsidy?

HRV will pay all reasonable off-track veterinary costs for treatment of the horse(s) as part of HRVSVRS, up to a maximum of \$2,500 each including GST. In the situation where the total treatment/surgery required for the Standardbred exceeds \$2500 (incl GST), the participant will be responsible for paying the difference.

The subsidy would cover all horses competing for prizemoney at Victorian harness racetracks.

The participant will have responsibility for the Standardbred, including:

- arranging transport of the horse to the "Specialist Veterinary Hospital";
- payment for all costs associated with diagnostics and treatment provided by the Specialist Veterinary Hospital.

6. Are injuries sustained at trials considered?

No, SVRS from HRV is only available if the horse is injured during a Victorian harness racing race meeting.

7. How do I apply?

Please submit Completed SVRS form, Veterinary treatment report and Tax Receipt to HRV via email to 'integrity@hrv.org.au' or by post, addressed to: General Manager, Integrity 400 Epsom Road, Flemington PO Box 184, Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039. For any assistance with the application, please contact 03 8378 0200.