## Markel Insurance SE (MISE)

### **Equine Policy**

# Section G – Veterinary Fees Costs due to accidental external injury or due to surgery under general anesthesia

You are <u>not</u> automatically covered by this section. You will only be covered under this section if you have paid the appropriate additional **premium** and coverage is indicated as covered in the **insurance terms**.

### What is covered

We will pay you for the reasonable and customary veterinary fees incurred by you for treatment of your horse during the policy period:

- (a) as a direct result of an accidental, external and violent injury which causes a visible external wound; or
- (b) as a result of surgery under general anesthesia due to an illness, disease, lameness, injury or accident.

We will not pay you more than the limit of liability applicable to this section of the **policy**, as specified in the **insurance** terms, per horse during the **policy period**.

We will also deduct the **excess** that applies to this section of the **policy**, as specified in the **insurance terms**, from each and every separate **claim** incident occurring during the **policy period**.

### What is not covered

- (a) Any treatment normally associated with the maintenance of a healthy **horse**.
- (b) Veterinary fees that are not as a direct result of an accidental, external and violent injury which causes a visible external wound (unless incurred due to surgery).
- (c) Any **horse** less than 6 months or more than 17 years old.
- (d) Any **horse** used for racing, cross country or the injuries occurring when breaking in related to training for racing or cross country.
- (e) **Alternative treatments** and feed supplements.
- (f) The costs for transporting the **horse** to or from the veterinary facilities.
- (g) Veterinary treatment unless performed by a **veterinarian**.
- (h) Surgical procedures unless performed by a **veterinarian** in a duly recognised Equine Veterinary Hospital.
- (i) Surgical procedures not performed under general anesthesia.
- (j) Livery, including the proportion of bills for hospitalisation following surgery which relates to livery.
- (k) Euthanasia or post mortem costs or costs relating to disposal of the carcass.
- (I) Non-medical charges including but not limited to post and packaging, completion of **claim** form, reports or veterinary certificates.
- (m) Behavioural problems or vices unless established and certified by the **veterinarian** to have been caused by the direct result of an accident or an injury contracted during the **policy period**.
- (n) Any dental procedure not determined to be medically necessary due to an accident or an injury.
- (o) Any farrier services including related consulting expense, corrective shoeing and therapeutic shoeing, whether or not medically necessitated or prescribed by a **veterinarian**.
- (p) Routine costs for pregnancy and/or foaling, except for complications arising out of pregnancy or foaling requiring surgery.
- (q) Castration, unless post-surgical complications arise.
- (r) Any elective or voluntary medical treatment, including but not limited to castration, Caslicks surgery, EIPH or Laryngeal Hemiplaga or any related or subsequently related treatment; cosmetic surgery or any related or subsequently related treatment; any preventative, elective, performance enhancing or voluntary medical treatment; chronic diseases.
- (s) Any congenital birth defect including but not limited to umbilical or scrotal hernia, undescended testicles, cryptorchidism, contracted tendons, club foot, etc., whether or not evident at the start of the **policy period**.
- (t) Any costs incurred for post-operative treatment in the clinic more than ten (10) days after surgery or thirty (30) days in the case of Orthopedic Surgery.
- (u) Vaccinations or inoculations.
- (v) Any surgery cost relating the removal or treatment of bone chips or Osteochondritis Dissecans.
- (w) Any **claim** arising out of a medical condition existing, diagnosed or treated prior to the start of the **policy period**, or before the date of the **horse** being added to the **policy**.
- (x) Any costs incurred more than twelve (12) months after the injury or onset of the illness.
- (y) Any **claim** not advised to **us** within the **policy period**.
- (z) All acts similar to the illegal practice of veterinary medicine.



Where the limit of liability for the insured **horse** does not represent a 100% interest, veterinary fees are limited to that applicable for the percentage interest shown in the **insurance terms**. The **excess** remains that as agreed in the **insurance terms** for each and every separate incident.

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