

The COVID-19 Vaccine – Is it covered by the Vaccine Program?

While the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) provides compensation to individuals found to be injured by certain vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine is not currently covered by this Program. The COVID-19 vaccine is instead covered by the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP). Therefore, any petition filed under the VICP alleging an injury following receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine will be dismissed.

A countermeasure is a vaccination, medication, device, or other item recommended to diagnose, prevent, or treat a declared pandemic, epidemic, or security threat. The CICP provides benefits to individuals who have experienced serious physical injuries as a direct result of the administration or use of covered countermeasures identified by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in declarations issued under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 247d-6d, 247d-6e.

For a comparison between the VICP and the CICP, please visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/cicp/cicp-vicp>.

Please direct any inquiries relating to COVID-19 vaccine injuries to:

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