



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857

JAN 28 2019

H. Cody Meissner, MD, FAAP
Co-Chair, Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines
Pediatric Infectious Disease Service
NEMC Box #321
Tufts Medical Center
800 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Dr. Meissner:

Secretary Azar has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines' (ACCV) recommendations supporting an increase in the number of special masters and/or funding resources for the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), and to respond directly to you. Please be assured that these recommendations will receive careful review within the Department.

The ACCV's advice and recommendations for improving the VICP play a vital role in our public health efforts. I appreciate your commitment in the area, and look forward to continuing to work with you on the important vaccine issues facing our nation. A similar response has been sent to Ms. Karlen Beth Luthy, Chair of the ACCV, who co-signed your letter.

Sincerely,

/s/

George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D.
Administrator