THE NATIONAL VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM (VICP)

VICP ROLES

- VICP HHS: Represents HHS in Court
- VICP: Dep't of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Court-appointed Special Masters: Decide on entitlement to compensation and damages

PURPOSE OF VICP

To ensure that individuals injured by certain vaccines are provided with fair and efficient compensation

To ensure a stable vaccine supply by limiting liability for vaccine manufacturers and vaccine administrators

COVERED VACCINES

- DTaP, Tdap, DT, TT, Td
- IPV, OPV
- Haemophilus influenzae type b
- Hib
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- Human papillomavirus
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- MMR, MR, M, R
- Varicella
- VZV, MMRV
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis B
- Meningooccal
- Pneumococcal conjugate
- Polio
- Influenza
- RSV
- Rotavirus
- Varicella
- HIB
- Seasonal Influenza

VICP FACTS

- COMPENSATION: Over 5,000 petitions compensated
- Average time from filing to payment: 2-3 years
- Includes attorneys' fees and costs

- VACCINE MARKET STABILIZATION: Supply shortages reduced, New products testing, Pricing stabilized

- ALTERNATIVE TO CIVIL LITIGATION: No fault program, limited discovery, short, informal hearings, Reduced number of claims filed annually against vaccine companies

http://www.HRSA.gov/VaccineCompensation

1 Recommended by CDC for routine use in children and pregnant women and subject to an excise tax by federal law.
2 Seasonal (e.g. trivalent, quadrivalent, inactivated, live attenuated and recombinant vaccines) only.
3 Most recent number of petitions compensated are available on the VICP website.