THE NATIONAL VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM (VICP)

VICP ROLES



U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Court-appointed Special Masters decide on entitlement to compensation and damages

VICP



Department of Justice (DOJ) Represents HHS in Court

Health Resources & Services Administration Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Administers program, develops recommendations to DOJ based on medical review of the evidence

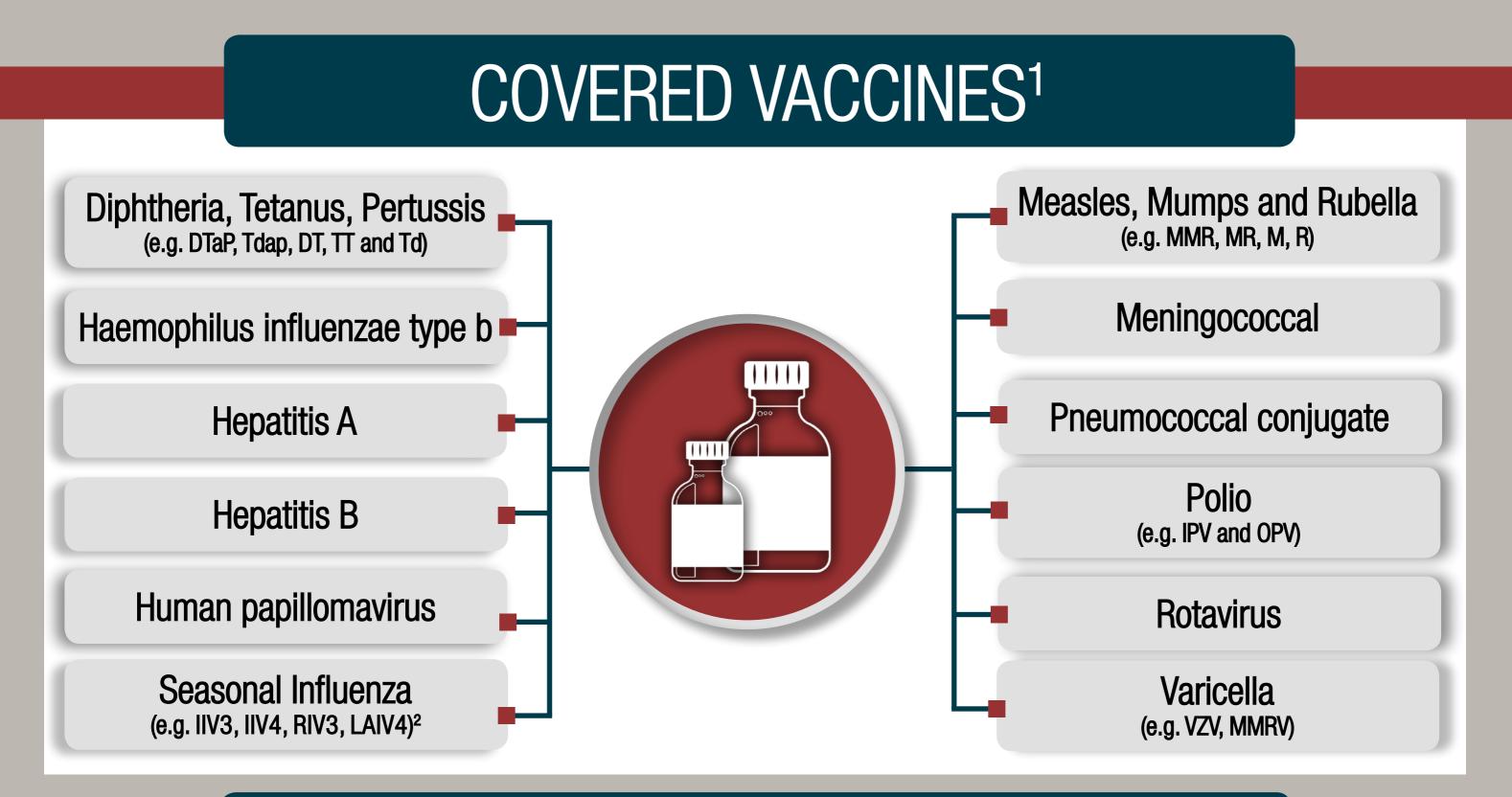
PURPOSE OF VICP



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



VICP FACTS



COMPENSATION

- Over 5,000 petitions compensated³
- Average time filing to payment is 2-3 years
- Includes attorneys' fees and cost



VACCINE MARKET STABILIZATION

- Supply shortages reduced
- New products being licensed
- 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 <u>VICP</u> website.



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