

Filing a Vaccine Injury Claim

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a no-fault alternative to the traditional tort system for resolving vaccine injury claims. It provides compensation to people found to be injured by certain vaccines. Filing a VICP claim begins with a legal document called a petition. This is what needs to be documented in your claim:



Who was injured



Which vaccine was received



Where vaccine was given



When vaccine was given



When symptoms began



Type of injury



How long effects of injury have lasted



Claim Eligibility

To be eligible for a claim, the effects of the person's injury must have:

- Lasted for more than 6 months after the vaccine was given; or
- Resulted in a hospital stay and surgery; or
- Resulted in death.



Filing Deadlines:

There are time limitations for filing claims. Claims must be filed:

- Within 3 years after the first symptom of the vaccine injury or
- Within 2 years of a death and 4 years after the start of the first symptom of the vaccine injury that resulted in death.



Vaccines Covered by VICP

- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis
- Haemophilus influenza type b
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza
- Measles, mumps, rubella
- Meningococcal
- Polio
- Human papillomavirus
- Pneumococcal conjugate
- Rotavirus
- Varicella
- Any combination of vaccines listed