

## Anyone With Vaccine Injury Could Claim Upto \$379,000 From A Special Covid Vaccine Fund

### Description

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In fiscal year 2021, the U.S. government paid \$246.9 million in claims for vaccine-related injuries and deaths. Not a single payout was related to Covid-19 vaccines.

Each person with a “provable” injury from a Covid vaccine could claim up to \$379,000 from a [special Covid vaccine fund](#) set up by the federal government. The payout for death could be as high as \$370,376.



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However, according to an OpenTheBooks.com investigation, the federal government didn't pay a penny for Covid-vaccine claims. The special fund for these claims is called the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP).

There were only 1,357 claims filed that alleged “injuries/deaths from the Covid vaccines,” and 53 were listed as deaths, according to recent [reporting](#) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

By contrast, the self-reporting Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS) [lists](#) 16,310 deaths related to Covid vaccines. Of these, “5,326 of the deaths occurred on Day 0, 1, or 2 following vaccination[.]”

The low number of applicants to the CICIP fund for injuries or death from the Covid vaccine suggests that people don't know the special fund exists.

The “normal” vaccine fund, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), has existed since 1988 and [provides](#) compensation for injuries or deaths associated with most vaccines routinely administered in the United States (such as pediatric and seasonal influenza vaccines), according to the Congressional Research Service.

Last year, this fund [paid out \\$246.9 million](#) in vaccine-related injuries and deaths. Payouts include \$250,000 for a vaccine-caused death and \$250,000 “for pain and suffering and emotional distress.” A special vaccine court handles these claims.

However, in the case of Covid-19 vaccines developed and approved under Project Warp Speed, deaths resulting from a Covid vaccine would pay out through the CICIP and would pay more money than a vaccine-related death in normal times.

Since the benefit for a death caused by a Covid-19 vaccine is \$370,376 for fiscal year 2021 and \$50,000 per year for lost employment income (with a lifetime cap to be “generally \$379,000”). So, the death benefit is \$120,376 higher than for other vaccines (\$250,000).

However, there is no equivalent to the VICP's \$250,000 “for pain and suffering and emotional distress” under the current Covid-19 parameters.

Here are some other differences between the two vaccine-injury funds:

1. No attorney fees. The Covid fund is [not authorized](#) to provide reimbursement for attorneys' fees. Therefore, lawyers have less incentive to represent claims.
2. Injured children receive small payouts. A Covid vaccine-injured child would only be [reimbursed](#) for “reasonable medical expenses.” Since the child survived and isn't employed, there's no other compensation.
3. Narrow window to file a claim. The Covid fund allows a one-year window to file a claim whereas the regular vaccine fund has a three-year window.

And sure enough, the CICIP fund hasn't paid out a dime in Covid-vaccine claims. HHS bluntly states [online](#), “As of October 1, 2021, the CICIP has not compensated any Covid-19 countermeasures claims.”

## BACKGROUND

The federal government is still operating under the “public health emergency” [declared](#) by Trump administration HHS Secretary Alex Azar on February 4, 2020. This declaration created a different funding stream for claims from adverse reactions to vaccines.

Congress [established](#) the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICIP) as part of the [PREP Act](#) in 2005 to encourage the rapid development and deployment of medical countermeasures during a

public health emergency.

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration has been renewed multiple times, most recently by Biden Administration HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, [on October 15, 2021](#), effective October 18, 2021. (Under federal law, the declaration lasts 90 days and can be renewed).

For the most part, since that February 4, 2020, declaration, “manufacturers, distributors, and health care providers are generally immune from legal liability (i.e., they cannot be sued for money damages in court) for losses related to the administration or use of covered countermeasures against Covid-19[.]” CRS reports.

This liability protection enabled those industry players to shift into high gear to address the pandemic without fear of lawsuits. Under the PHE declaration, the CIRC funds any lawsuits related to adverse reactions proven by victims or their families.

\$246.9 million in non-COVID-vaccine-related claims (FY2021)

According to the VICP’s latest [report](#) dated October 2021, \$4.6 billion in total compensation has been “paid over the life of the program” (which began in 1988). From 2006-2019, 6,054 claims were compensated out of the 8,516 petitions for compensation that were “adjudicated by the Court[.]”

According to the table included on page nine of the report, in fiscal year 2021 the U.S. government paid out \$210.4 million to 722 petitioners, and, after adding in attorney’s fees the total U.S. taxpayer outlay was \$246.9 million.

With such a complicated and bureaucratic process in place, it’s no wonder that zero Covid-vaccine claims have been paid to victims or their families.

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