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1. How do I file for CICP benefits?

If you believe you or another person has been seriously injured by a covered countermeasure, you can submit a Request for Benefits with the CICP by filling out the [Request for Benefits Form](#) and submitting it to the CICP within one (1) year of receiving the countermeasure.

Learn more about [How to File for CICP benefits](#).

Seasonal Flu

Seasonal influenza vaccines are **not** covered countermeasures under the CICP. If you received the seasonal influenza vaccine or other vaccines covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) such as tetanus or the human papillomavirus vaccine and think that you had an adverse reaction from one or a combination of these covered vaccines, see the [VICP](#).

CICP Fact Sheet

[Download the CICP fact sheet](#)
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2. Does the CICP have a filing deadline?

Yes, you have ONE (1) YEAR from the date that the covered countermeasure was received to file for CICP benefits by submitting a [Request for Benefits Form](#).

Learn more about [How to File for CICP benefits](#).

3. Can an individual have a representative to file for CICP benefits on their behalf?

If an individual receives a covered countermeasure and has been seriously injured by it, a representative may submit a [Request for Benefits](#) with the CICP on his/her behalf.

Please note that in cases where the injured countermeasure recipient is a minor or otherwise lacks the legal capacity to file for, or receive benefits, a legal or personal representative must be used.

The CICP is not authorized to provide reimbursement for attorneys' fees.

4. Are uniformed and civilian military or embassy personnel who are injured by covered countermeasures or vaccines eligible to file a Request for Benefits with the CICP?

Yes. Members of the Uniformed Services (i.e. the armed forces, the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service) may file a Request for Benefits. Individuals stationed at American embassies, military installations abroad, or NATO installations where American service personnel are stationed may file a [Request for Benefits](#).

Learn more about the [PREP Act Declarations](#) for vaccines commonly administered to military or embassy personnel or [How to File for CICP benefits](#).

Learn more about [How to File for CICP benefits](#).

5. Can I file with the CICP if I have already filed, or plan to file, with another benefits program, such as Workmen's Compensation?

Yes. Please note that the CICP is the payer of last resort and can only reimburse or pay for medical services or items or lost employment income that are not covered by other third-party payers, such as Worker's Compensation.

If you are determined eligible for CICP benefits, you will be asked to submit documentation of any other third-party payers.

Learn more about [How to File for CICP benefits](#).

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Countermeasures Injury Tables

[Pandemic Influenza
Countermeasure Injury Table](#)

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Please call the above number and you will receive information on sending emails safely and securely.

Will the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program provide compensation to individuals injured by COVID-19 vaccines?

The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) authorizes the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) to provide benefits to certain individuals or estates of individuals who sustain a covered serious physical injury as the direct result of the administration or use of covered countermeasures identified in and administered or used under a PREP Act declaration. The CICP also may provide benefits to certain survivors of individuals who die as a direct result of the administration or use of such covered countermeasures. The PREP Act declaration for medical countermeasures against COVID-19 states that the covered countermeasures are:

- any antiviral, any other drug, any biologic, any diagnostic, any other device, any respiratory protective device, or any vaccine, used
 - to treat, diagnose, cure, prevent, mitigate or limit the harm from COVID-19, or the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 or a virus mutating therefrom, or
 - to limit the harm that COVID-19, or the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 or a virus mutating therefrom, might otherwise cause; or
- any device used in the administration of any such product, and all components and constituent materials of any such product.

Covered Countermeasures must be "qualified pandemic or epidemic products," or "security countermeasures," or drugs, biological products, or devices authorized for investigational or emergency use, as those terms are defined in the PREP Act, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Public Health Service Act, or a respiratory protective device approved by National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) under 42 CFR part 84, or any successor regulations, that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services determines to be a priority for use during a public health emergency declared under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act.

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