

## Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP)

In response to a case in which a child received oral poliomyelitis vaccination and subsequently developed polio in 1986, the Ministry of Health and Welfare established a Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund in June 1988. The fund enables individuals to claim compensations from their local health bureau in the event of death, disabilities, serious illnesses, or adverse reaction resulting from vaccination. Review of claims by the Vaccine Injury Compensation Working Group ensures the causal relationship between the vaccine and the adverse events to eliminate vaccination worries.

For effective use of vaccine injury compensation resources and to strengthen protection of compensation rights and guarantees, the Regulations Governing Collection and Review of Relief Fund for Victims of Immunization were amended in recent years. Highlights were as follows:

1. Expanded and increased compensation payments for vaccine injury and medical treatment subsidies (as described in the following table) in order to better reflect reasonable medical cost. Added regulations stating that the degree of impairments shall be decided in accordance with the types and degrees regulated by laws for the protection of the rights of the disabilities.



VICP claim evaluation committee meeting



**Table 3-2 Types of Compensation, Vaccine Injury Compensation Program**

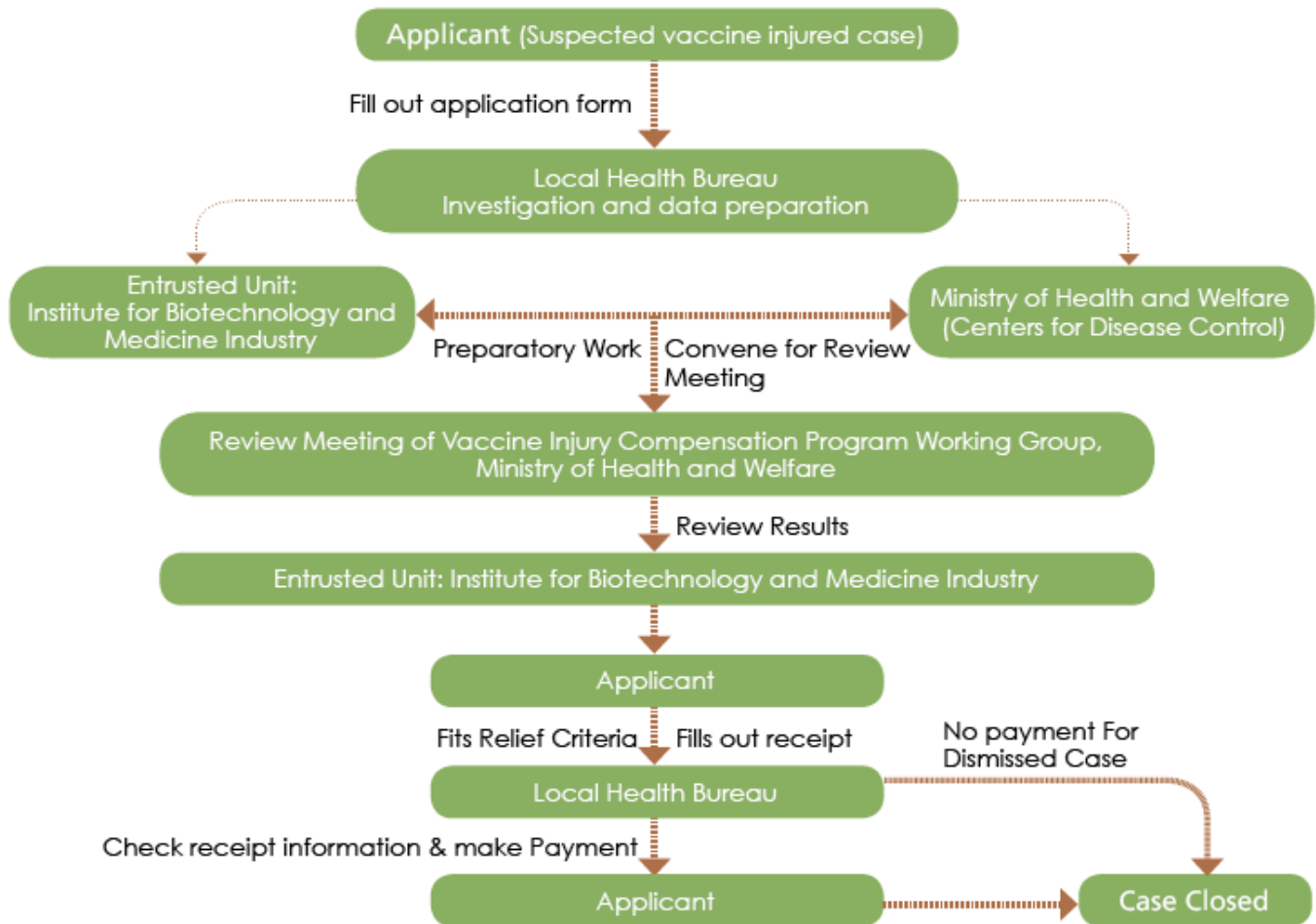
Relief Items	Criteria		Amount of Compensation (NT\$10,000)	
	Definition/Degree of Impairment	Causality Conclusion		
Compensation for Death		Vaccine-related	50~600	
		Possibly vaccine-related	30~350	
Compensation for Impairment	By the types and degrees of impairments regulated by laws for the protection of the rights of the mentally and physically impaired, but excluding conversion disorder associated with psychological factors.	4-extremely severe	Vaccine-related	50~600
			Possibly vaccine-related	30~350
		3-severe	Vaccine-related	30~500
			Possibly vaccine-related	20~300
		2-moderate	Vaccine-related	20~400
			Possibly vaccine-related	10~250
1-mild	Vaccine-related	10~250		
	Possibly vaccine-related	5~200		
Compensation for Severe Illnesses	To be decided by the regulations and the scopes of severe illnesses and injuries defined by the National Health Insurance and the illnesses considered as severe adverse reactions by the Procedure for Reporting Severe Adverse Reactions to Medicines, but not meeting the definition of impairment.	Vaccine-related	2~300	
		Possibly vaccine-related	2~120	
Compensation for Other Adverse Reactions	Other adverse reactions not meeting the definition of severe illnesses. However, mild, commonly seen or expectable adverse reactions of immunization are excluded	Vaccine-related/Possibly vaccine-related	0~20	
Funeral Subsidies	Funeral subsidies are provided if an autopsy is performed to determine whether the death is caused by the vaccine.	-	30	
Medical Cost Subsidies	Examination and treatment performed to help clarify the causal relationship between vaccination and symptoms.	-	0~20	
Stillbirth or Abortion Suspected to be Caused by Vaccination of the Fetus or Embryo undergone by Autopsy or Testing	Gestation after 20 weeks	-	10	
	Gestation less than 20 weeks	-	5	

2. Added conditions for not providing compensation for vaccine injury to ensure effective use of resources.

In 2016, 67 cases were settled, a total of 1,573 claims had been reviewed since program inception, and compensation disbursement had reached NT\$ 109.56 million.



**Figure 3-2 Flowchart for Vaccine Injury Compensation Claims Evaluation Process**



**Figure 3-3 Total Number of Cases Settled Per Year from Program Inception in 1989 to 2016**

