

Support with Amendment for 2024 Senate Bill 0431

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The original SB 431 is aiming to add Long-Covid as an occupational disease to be eligible under Workers' Compensation for those employed by a governmental unit in Maryland. I support this bill with an amendment which will include those employees of the government to be added to Workers' Compensation who are experiencing Covid-19 vaccine injuries.

The Covid-19 vaccine was developed in a couple of months which is a short period compared with the usual 5-10 year-long process of vaccine development. These vaccines went through a minimal clinical trial process and their manufacturing process development was also warp-speed. It is thus not surprising that today there are tens of thousands of people who are experiencing serious CV-19 vaccine injuries as a result.

The federal Covid Injury Compensation Program is supposed to carry out compensation for those who have been injured by the mRNA Covid vaccines. However, this program is lacking in administration and it has a long backlog. Therefore, additional compensation programs need to be established. Also, many government employees in the state were required to receive this vaccine to keep their job and they are now vaccine injured.

Please support this bill with an amendment that would also compensate Covid vaccine injured government employees along with those who have long Covid disease.

Thank you and sincerely,

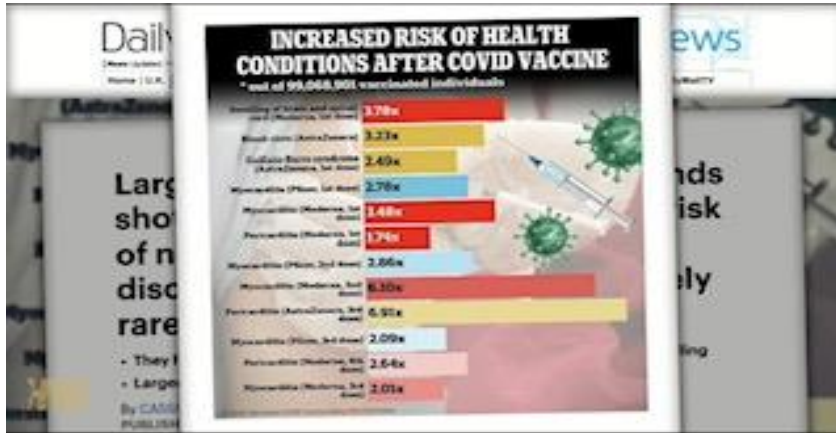
The following data is from [The Global COVID Vaccine Safety \(GCoVS\) Project](#) which aims, among other issues, at the following activities:

- "Conduct association studies for events that have been identified as likely associated with COVID-19 vaccines
 - Myocarditis and pericarditis and mRNA vaccines
 - Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome/vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (TTS/VITT) and viral vector vaccines
 - Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) and viral vector vaccines
- Assess risk of vaccine mediated enhanced disease"

Increased of risk of health conditions after Covid Vaccine

Swelling of brain and spinal cord (Moderna, 1 st dose)	3.78x
Blood clots (AstraZeneca)	3.23x
Guillain-Barré syndrome (AstraZeneca, 1st dose)	2.49x
Myocarditis (Pfizer, 1 st dose)	2.78x
Myocarditis (Moderna, 1st dose)	3.48x
Pericarditis (Moderna, 1 st dose)	1.74x
Myocarditis (Pfizer, 2 nd dose)	2.86x

Myocarditis (Moderna, 2 nd dose)	6.10x
Pericarditis (AstraZeneca, 3 rd dose)	6.91x
Myocarditis (Pfizer, 3 rd dose)	2.09x
Pericarditis (Moderna, 4 th dose)	2.64x
Myocarditis (Moderna, 3 rd dose)	2.01x



The following data is from the webpage of the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA).



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US Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

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It may take more than 10 years for someone injured by a COVID-19 vaccine to receive a decision on whether their claim is eligible for compensation by the government's vaccine compensation program—if they receive a response at all.

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Has the CICP made any decisions regarding COVID-19 claims?

As of January 1, 2024, the CICP has rendered decisions on 2,214 COVID-19 claims. See below for more COVID-19 data on claims filed, administrative and medical eligibility decisions, and benefits determinations.

CICP data for COVID-19 claims (as of January 1, 2024)

Total COVID-19 CICP claims filed: **12,854**

- Pending Review or In Review: **10,640**
- Decisions: **2,214**
 - Claims found eligible for compensation: **40**
 - Claims compensated: **11**
 - Claims pending benefits determination: **28**
 - Claims with no eligible reported expenses: **1**
 - Denied: **2,174**
 - Requested medical records not submitted: **340**
 - Standard of proof not met and/or covered injury not sustained: **263**
 - Missed filing deadline: **1,320**
 - Not CICP covered product/not specified: **251**

sufficient, by itself, to prove that an injury is the direct result of a covered countermeasure.