

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP)

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## Maternal Immunization Provisions

- The 21st Century Cures Act amends the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act to require that the Secretary revise the Vaccine Injury Table to include vaccines recommended by the CDC for routine administration in pregnant women - (42 U.S.C. 300aa-14(e)(3))

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- Both a woman who received the vaccine while pregnant and any child who was in utero at the time shall be considered persons to whom the vaccine was administered and persons who received the covered vaccines - (42 U.S.C. 300aa-11(f)(1))
- The 21st Century Cures Act provides a specific definition for the term "child," as used in the Vaccine Act with respect to maternal immunization, which requires that the child be born alive - (42 U.S.C. 300aa-11(f)(2))

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- A covered vaccine administered to a pregnant woman shall constitute more than one administration, one to the mother and one to each child (as such term is defined in subsection (f)(2)) who was in utero at the time such woman was administered the vaccine (42 U.S.C. 300aa-11(b)(2))

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