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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-024306

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2023, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Has a claim ever been rejected because of covid vaccination (any covid vaccine) status?*
- 2. Is the development of an embolism due to any injury covered, regardless of covid vaccination status (any covid vaccine).*
- 3. Is there any situation or claim that has been rejected due to Comirnaty vaccination status.*

A COVID-19 vaccination status is not a factor when making a cover decision

We have interpreted the term 'vaccination status' as referring to whether a person is vaccinated against COVID-19. ACC is required to provide cover for injuries in accordance with sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001. In line with this legislation, a clients' COVID-19 vaccination status is not relevant when making a cover decision on personal injury. Therefore, in response to questions 1 and 3, ACC would not be able to refuse any claim due to a person's vaccination status.

With regards to question 2, the development of an embolism due to a covered injury could be considered for cover as a consequential injury. This would be decided on a case-by-case basis. Covid vaccination status would not affect the cover.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

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If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

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