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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-028541

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I understand a person may lodge a claim with ACC when there is a medical misadventure. When reviewing claims for an adverse event from a medicine, would you kindly share details on this claim process.

- 1. Does ACC review the reports from the product's manufacturer on the product's adverse events/effects?*
- 2. In the case of a provisionally approved medicine (eg Fluvax, Comirnaty), does ACC review the Periodic Safety Update reports from the manufacture? For example, this is a periodic safety report from Pfizer on Comirnaty.*
- 3. Does ACC review the post marketing report published by Pfizer in the case of Comirnaty for claims of adverse events for this provisionally approved medicine? Is this document.*

Our response

Decisions on providing cover for treatment injury claims are made by ACC's Treatment Injury Claims Assessors. They make decisions on an individual basis and will take into consideration any information and evidence relevant to the claim. This may include reports and other resources you have noted if they are relevant to the claim. ACC has published a previous OIA containing information about the process and considerations for treatment injury decisions, here: www.acc.co.nz/assets/oia-responses/policy-and-procedures-to-assess-treatment-injury-claims-oia-response-GOV-018561.pdf.

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

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

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

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