

**2020 No. 1411**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Vaccine Damage Payments (Specified Disease) Order 2020**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>2nd December 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>3rd December 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>31st December 2020</i>

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(2)(i) and 2(2) of the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979(a).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Vaccine Damage Payments (Specified Disease) Order 2020 and comes into force on 31st December 2020.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979.

**Addition to the list of diseases to which the Act applies**

2. COVID-19 is specified as a disease to which the Act applies.

**Modification of condition of entitlement**

3. The condition of entitlement in section 2(1)(b) of the Act (age or time at which vaccination was carried out) is omitted in relation to vaccination against COVID-19.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

2nd December 2020

*Nadhim Zahawi*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department of Health and Social Care

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Article 2 of this Order adds COVID-19 to the diseases to which the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 applies. Article 3 modifies the condition of entitlement in section 2(1)(b) of that Act so that it is not a condition in relation to COVID-19 that the vaccinated person was under eighteen at the time the vaccination was given nor that there was an outbreak of the disease within the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man at that time.

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(a) 1979 c. 17.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk).

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