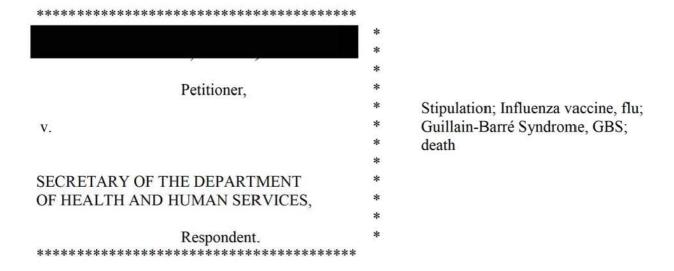
## In the United States Court of Federal Claims

### OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 09-767V Filed: March 23, 2012 Unpublished



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## **DECISION**<sup>1</sup>

## GOLKIEWICZ, Special Master.

On March 23, 2012, the parties to the above-captioned case filed a Stipulation memorializing their agreement as to the appropriate amount of compensation in this case. Stipulation ("Stip."), filed March 23, 2012. Petitioner alleges that Mr. suffered Guillain-Barré Syndrome ("GBS") as a consequence of the influenza vaccination he received on October 15, 2008. "Petitioner further alleges that Mr. sinjuries persisted for more than six months, and that his death was a sequelae of his vaccine-related injuries. Stip. at ¶ 4. "Respondent denies that Mr. sGBS or any other injury was caused-in-fact by his influenza vaccination, and denies that his death was a sequelae of any vaccine injury." Stip. at ¶ 6. Nonetheless, the parties agreed informally to resolve this matter. Stip. At ¶ 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The undersigned intends to post this decision on the website for the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. Id. Any motion for redaction must be filed by no later than fourteen (14) days after filing date of this filing. Further, consistent with the statutory requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision, order, ruling, etc.

The court hereby <u>ADOPTS</u> the parties' said Stipulation, attached hereto, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Specifically, petitioner is awarded a lump sum of \$100,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, as fiduciary of the Estate of <u>See</u> Stip. ¶ 8.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.2

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz Gary J. Golkiewicz Special Master

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This document constitutes a final "decision" in this case pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(3)(A). Unless a motion for review of this decision is filed within 30 days, the Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment in accord with this decision. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.

# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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Petitioner,	)	No. 09-767V
γ.	)	Special Master Golkiewicz ECF
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND	)	
HUMAN SERVICES,	)	
Respondent.	)	

### STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

- 1. On November 9, 2009, "petitioner") filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10 to 34 (the "Vaccine Program"). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to Mr. "s receipt of the influenza vaccine, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3 (a).
  - 2. Mr. received an influenza immunization on October 15, 2008.
  - 3. The vaccine was administered within the United States.
- 4. Petitioner alleges that Mr. suffered from Guillain-Barré Syndrome ("GBS"), which was caused-in-fact by his influenza vaccination. Petitioner further alleges that Mr. six injuries persisted for more than six months, and that his death was a sequelae of his vaccine-

After the filing of his petition, Mr. passed away. Thereafter, his widow, Judy Rice was substituted as the petitioner in this case.

related injuries.

- 6. Respondent denies that Mr. GBS or any other injury was caused-in-fact by his influenza vaccination, and denies that his death was a sequela of any vaccine injury.
- 7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.
- 8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payment:

A lump sum of \$100,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, as fiduciary of the estate o

- 9. As soon as practicable after the entry of judgment on entitlement in this case, and after petitioner has filed both a proper and timely election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), and an application, the parties will submit to further proceedings before the special master to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in proceeding upon this petition.
- 10. Petitioner and her attorney represent that they have identified to respondent all known sources of payment for items or services for which the Program is not primarily liable under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), including State compensation programs, insurance policies,

Federal or State health benefits programs (other than Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.)), or entities that provide health services on a pre-paid basis.

- 11. Petitioner represents that she is the fiduciary of the estate of her late husband,
  as so designated in a Testamentary Letter issued on July 15, 2010, by the
  Honorable J.R. Rowell, Ex Officio Judge of Probate, in Union County, North Carolina.
- 12. Payments made pursuant to paragraph 8, and any amounts awarded pursuant to paragraph 9, of this Stipulation will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the availability of sufficient statutory funds.
- 13. The parties and their attorneys further agree and stipulate that, except for any award for attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and past unreimbursable expenses, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be used solely for the benefit of petitioner as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g) and (h).
- 14. In return for the payments described in paragraphs 8 and 9, petitioner, on her own behalf, and on behalf of her heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, does forever irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit and discharge the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from any and all actions or causes of action (including agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature) that have been brought, could have been brought, or could be timely brought in the Court of Federal Claims, under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,

  42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq., on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected personal injuries to or death of Mr

alleged to have resulted from, the influenza vaccination administered on October 15, 2008, as alleged by Mr. in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about November 9, 2009, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 09-767V.

- 15. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation or if the Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this Stipulation shall be voidable at the sole discretion of either party.
- 16. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete negotiated settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, except as otherwise noted in paragraph 9 above. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and understand that the award described in this Stipulation may reflect a compromise of the parties' respective positions as to liability and/or amount of damages.
- 17. This Stipulation shall not be construed as an admission by the United States or the Secretary of Health and Human Services that the influenza vaccine caused Mr. GBS or any other injury or his death.
- 18. All rights and obligations of petitioner hereunder shall apply equally to petitioner's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns.

### END OF STIPULATION

Respectfully submitted,

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