

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-0206V

Filed: June 30, 2015

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[Redacted]

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Influenza (“flu”) vaccine; Shoulder Injury
Related to Vaccine Administration
 (“SIRVA”); Damages Decision Based
on Proffer; Special Processing Unit
 (“SPU”)

*Diana L. Sedar, Maglio Christopher and Toale, Sarasota, FL, for petitioner.
Ann D. Martin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

DECISION¹

Vowell, Chief Special Master:

On March 2, 2015, [Redacted] filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² [the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”]. The petition alleges that as a result of an Influenza (“flu”) vaccination on September 30, 2013, petitioner suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”). Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit (“SPU”) of the Office of Special Masters.

On June 30, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) Report [“Res. Report”], in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Res. Report at 3. Specifically, respondent “has concluded that a preponderance of evidence establishes

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, it will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2006).

that the injury to petitioner's right shoulder was caused-in-fact by the administration of her September 30, 2013, flu vaccine, and that [the] injury is not due to factors unrelated to [that] administration." *Id.* Respondent "recommends that compensation be awarded under the terms of the Vaccine Act for petitioner's right shoulder injury." *Id.*

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

Additionally, respondent filed a Proffer on Award of Compensation ("Proffer") detailing compensation for all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under §15(a). According to respondent's Proffer, petitioner agrees to the proposed award of compensation.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award petitioner a lump sum payment of \$70,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner.**

This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under §15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

s/Denise K. Vowell
Denise K. Vowell
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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| v. |) | No. 15-206V |
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| SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND |) | |
| HUMAN SERVICES, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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RESPONDENT’S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

I. Items of Compensation

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$70,000.00, which represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).¹ Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$70,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. Petitioner agrees.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

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