## In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-0199V UNPUBLISHED

Petitioner.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: November 7, 2022

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Damages Decision Based on Proffer; Influenza (Flu); Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA).

Leah VaSahnja Durant, Law Offices of Leah V. Durant, PLLC, Washington, DC, for Petitioner.

Emily H. Manoso, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

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

On January 7, 2021, filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10, *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleges that she received an influenza ("flu") vaccine on January 6, 2020, and thereafter suffered from a left-sided shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA"), as listed on the Vaccine Injury Table, 42 C.F.R. § 100.3. Petition at Preamble. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

On October 24, 2022, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding that Petitioner was entitled to compensation for a SIRVA Table injury. On November 7, 2022, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation, which indicates Petitioner's agreement to the amount(s) therein. Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, I award a lump sum payment of \$58,847.63 (representing \$57,500.00 for pain and suffering and \$1,347.63 for past unreimbursed expenses) in the form of a check payable to Petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran Brian H. Corcoran Chief Special Master

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.