

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 17-1918V

Filed: December 14, 2022

UNPUBLISHED

<p>██████████,</p> <p>Petitioner,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,</p> <p>Respondent.</p>

Special Master Horner

Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza (Flu) Vaccine; Shoulder
Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (SIRVA); Significant
aggravation

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Sarah Black Rifkin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On December 8, 2017, ██████████ filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) and significant aggravation resulting from adverse effects of a flu vaccination he received on October 26, 2016. (ECF No. 1.)

On March 24, 2022, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for a significant aggravation of a pre-existing shoulder injury. (ECF No. 57.) On December 14, 2022, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating petitioner should be awarded \$80,000.00. (ECF No. 68.) In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award. (*Id.*) Based on the record as a whole, I find that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award petitioner a lump sum payment of \$80,000.00 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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Daniel T. Horner
Daniel T. Horner
Special Master

³ 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.