

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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██████████,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 19-1072V

Special Master Gowen

Stipulation for Award;  
Influenza (“flu”); Chronic  
Inflammatory Demyelinating  
Polyneuropathy (“CIDP”).

*Leah V. Durant*, Law Offices of Leah V. Durant, PLLC, Washington, D.C., for petitioner.  
*Voris E. Johnson*, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., for respondent.

### DECISION ON STIPULATION<sup>1</sup>

On July 25, 2019, ██████████ (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.<sup>2</sup> Petition (ECF No. 1). Petitioner received an influenza (“flu”) vaccine, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), on November 1, 2017. Stipulation (ECF No. 28). Petitioner alleges that he subsequently suffered the injuries of Guillain-Barre syndrome (“GBS”) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (“CIDP”), which petitioner alleges were caused-in-fact by his receipt of the flu vaccine, with residual effects of his injuries lasting for more than six months. *Id.* at ¶ 4.

On April 13, 2021, respondent filed a stipulation providing that a decision should be entered awarding compensation to petitioner. Stipulation. Respondent denies that the flu

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the E-Government Act of 2002, see 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012), **because this opinion contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post it on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims.** The Court’s website is at <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/aggregator/sources/7>. Before the opinion is posted on the Court’s website, each party has 14 days to file a motion requesting 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). An objecting party must provide the Court with a proposed redacted version of the opinion. *Id.* **If neither party files a motion for redaction within 14 days, the opinion will be posted on the Court’s website without any changes.** *Id.*

<sup>2</sup> The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 to 34 (2012) (hereinafter “Vaccine Act” or “the Act”). Hereinafter, individual section references will be to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa of the Act.

vaccine caused petitioner's alleged GBS and/or CIDP and residual effects, or any other injury. *Id.* at ¶ 6. While maintaining their respective positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of the stipulation, which is attached hereto as Appendix A. *Id.* at ¶ 7.

**The stipulation awards a lump sum of \$100,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).

I adopt the stipulation as the decision of the Court and hereby award compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Accordingly, the Clerk of Court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Thomas L. Gowen**  
Thomas L. Gowen  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Entry of judgment is expedited by each party's filing notice renouncing the right to seek review. Vaccine Rule 11(a).