

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 19-0916V

UNPUBLISHED

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Petitioner,  
v.  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,  
Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: April 2, 2020

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Joint  
Stipulation on Damages;  
Meningococcal Vaccine; Shoulder  
Injury Related to Vaccine  
Administration (SIRVA)

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*Lara Ann Englund, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

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

On June 24, 2019, ██████████ 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 he suffered right shoulder injuries, including a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”), as a result of a meningococcal vaccine received on or about July 10, 2018. Petition at 1; Stipulation, filed April 1, 2020, at ¶¶ 2-4. Petitioner further alleges that the vaccine was administered in the United States, his injuries lasted longer than six months, and that neither he nor any other party has received compensation in the form of an award or settlement for Petitioner’s vaccine-related injury. Petition at 1, 3-4; Pet. Ex. 1 at 2; Stipulation at ¶¶ 3-5. “Respondent denies that petitioner sustained a SIRVA Table injury; denies that the vaccine caused petitioner’s alleged shoulder injury, or any other

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<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 Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website in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>2</sup> 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 (2012).

injury; and denies that the vaccine caused petitioner's alleged shoulder injury, or any other injury; and denies that his current condition is a sequelae of a vaccine-related injury. " Stipulation at ¶ 6.

Nevertheless, on April 1, 2020, the parties filed the attached joint stipulation, stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation. I find the stipulation reasonable and adopt it as my decision awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Stipulation, **I award** the following compensation:

**A lump sum of \$63,058.10 in the form of a check payable to Petitioner.** Stipulation at ¶ 8. This amount represents compensation for all items of damages that would be available under § 15(a). *Id.*

I approve the requested amount for Petitioner's compensation. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the 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

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<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.