

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 21-0285V

██████████,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

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

Eleanor Hanson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On January 7, 2021, ██████████ filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). She filed an amended petition on August 2, 2022. ECF No. 21. Petitioner alleges that she suffered Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome (“CRPS”) which was caused-in-fact by the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) she received on October 11, 2019. *Id.* at 1, ¶¶ 1, 9. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On June 28, 2023, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for her CRPS caused-in-fact by the Tdap vaccine. ECF No. 30. On April 5, 2024, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating

¹ Because this Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (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. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2018).

Petitioner should be awarded \$72,872.20, representing compensation in the amounts of \$72,500.00 for pain and suffering and \$372.20 for past unreimbursable expenses. Proffer at 1-2, ECF No. 41. 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.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$72,872.20, representing compensation in the amounts of \$72,500.00 for pain and suffering and \$372.20 for actual unreimbursable 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.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran
Brian H. Corcoran
Chief 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.