

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 19-1886V

██████████,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: September 5, 2024

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

Nina Ren, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On December 12, 2019, ██████████ 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 she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) following a tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis vaccine administered on July 12, 2017. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On June 13, 2023, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for a SIRVA. On September 3, 2024, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$106,775.51 (comprised of \$100,000.00 for pain and suffering, \$645.00 for past unreimbursable expenses, and \$6,130.51 for lost wages), and \$1,067.77 to satisfy a State of South

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).

Carolina Medicaid lien. Proffer at 1-2. 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** the following compensation:

- **A lump sum of \$106,775.51 (comprised of \$100,000.00 for pain and suffering, \$645.00 for past unreimbursable expenses, and \$6,130.51 for lost wages) in the form of a check payable to Petitioner;**
- **A lump sum of \$1,067.77, representing compensation for satisfaction of the State of South Carolina Medicaid lien payable jointly to Petitioner³ and to:**

**Optum
PO Box 182643
Columbus, OH 43218
Optum Event Number: 94453205**

Proffer at 2.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.⁴

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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

³ Petitioner agrees to endorse this payment to Optum for satisfaction of the Medicaid lien.

⁴ 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.