

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 21-1340V

██████████,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

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Petitioner.*

Margaret Armstrong, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION¹

On May 10, 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”). On September 16, 2022, Petitioner filed an amended petition. ECF No. 19. Petitioner alleged that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”), a defined Table injury, or in the alternative a causation-in-fact injury, after receiving a tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) vaccine she received on September 2, 2020. Amended Petition at ¶¶ 1, 11-12; Stipulation, filed Mar. 14, 2025, ¶¶ 1-2, 4. Petitioner further alleged that she received the vaccine within the United States, that she suffered the residual effects of the SIRVA for more than six months, and that neither she nor any other party has filed a civil action or received compensation for her SIRVA, alleged as vaccine caused. Amended Petition at ¶¶ 1, 11, 13; Stipulation at ¶¶ 3-5. “Respondent denies that [P]etitioner sustained a SIRVA Table injury; denies that the

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).

Tdap vaccine caused [P]etitioner's alleged shoulder injury, or any other injury; denies that the Tdap vaccine significantly aggravated [P]etitioner's alleged shoulder injury, any other injury, or any of [P]etitioner's pre-existing conditions; and denies that the Tdap vaccine caused Petitioner any other injury, [P]etitioner's current condition, or significant aggravation of any of [P]etitioner's pre-existing conditions." Stipulation at ¶ 6.

Nevertheless, on March 14, 2025, the parties filed the attached joint stipulation,³ 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 \$12,500.00, to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to Petitioner. Stipulation at ¶ 8. This amount represents compensation for all items of damages that would be available under Section 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 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 The last page (6) of the stipulation, which contains information related to personal emails confirming the signatures on page 5, has been removed in order to protect this personal information.

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.