

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 23-1619V

██████████,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: August 12, 2025

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

Sarah Black Rifkin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION ON DAMAGES¹

On September 20, 2023, ██████████ 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 alleged that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) as the result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccination received on March 7, 2022. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 27, 2025, a Ruling on Entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for a SIRVA. On August 12, 2025, Respondent filed a Proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”). Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with

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).

the proffered award. *Id.* at 1 – 2. 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, **Petitioner is awarded the following:**

- A. A lump sum of **\$87,875.25** (representing \$67,500.00 for pain and suffering, and \$20,375.25 for past lost wages) to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to Petitioner.
- B. A lump sum payment of **\$486.40**, representing compensation for satisfaction of the State of California Medicaid lien, in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and:

Department of Health Care Services
Personal Injury Program, MS 4720
P.O. Box 997421
Sacramento, CA 95899-7421
Ref.: [REDACTED] DHCS Acct. No. C91818710A-001T

Petitioner agrees to endorse the check to the Department of Health Care Services.

These amounts represent compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a). Proffer at 2-3.

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.