

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 12-105V

Filed: February 18, 2015

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| KORTNEY MEADOWS, | * | |
| | * | Special Master Hamilton-Fieldman |
| Petitioner, | * | |
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| v. | * | Attorneys' Fees and Costs; |
| | * | Reasonable Amount Requested |
| SECRETARY OF HEALTH | * | to Which Respondent Does Not |
| AND HUMAN SERVICES, | * | Object. |
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| Respondent. | * | |
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Scott W. Rooney, Nemes, Rooney P.C., Farmington Hills, MI, for Petitioner.
Debra A. Begley, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

DECISION¹

On February 15, 2012, Kortney Meadows (“Petitioner”) filed a petition pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.² 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 *et seq.* (2006) (“Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleged that she suffered from Idiopathic Transverse Myelitis and that this injury had been caused by the HPV vaccines administered to her on May 8, 2008, May 20, 2008, July 16, 2008, and February 18, 2009. Petition (“Pet”) at 1-2. On December 15, 2014, the undersigned issued a decision dismissing the case for insufficient proof.

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned’s action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this ruling on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b).

² The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

On February 13, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation of Fact Concerning Attorneys' Fees and Costs. This stipulation requests a total payment of \$15,500.00, representing total attorneys' fees and costs. In compliance with General Order #9, Petitioner represents that no personal, out-of-pocket expenses were incurred in proceeding on the petition.

The undersigned finds that the petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, the undersigned hereby awards the amount of \$15,500.00, in the form of a check made payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Scott W. Rooney.**

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Special Master