

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

AMERLINDIA SANCHEZ VEGA, *

Petitioner, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

No. 12-164V
Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: September 18, 2015

Attorneys' fees and costs; award
in the amount to which respondent
does not object.

Damaris Delgado-Vega, Law Offices of Damaris Delgado-Vega, San Juan, PR, for
Petitioner;
Darryl R. Wishard, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

On September 14, 2015, respondent filed a stipulation of fact concerning final attorneys' fees and costs in the above-captioned matter. Previously, petitioner informally submitted a draft application for attorneys' fees and costs to respondent for review. Upon review of petitioner's application, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on subsequent discussions, petitioner amended her application to request \$34,000.00, an amount to which respondent does not object. The Court awards this amount.

On March 9, 2012, Amerlindia Sanchez Vega filed a petition for compensation alleging that the Hepatitis B ("Hep B") vaccine, which she received on March 9, 2011, caused her to suffer from pachymeningitis. Petitioner received compensation

¹ The E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002), requires that the Court post this ruling on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

based upon the parties' stipulation. Decision, issued April 23, 2015. Because petitioner received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

Petitioner seeks a total of **\$34,000.00** in attorneys' fees and costs. In compliance with General Order No. 9, petitioner's counsel represents that petitioner has incurred no out-of-pocket expenses in the proceedings on the petition. Respondent has no objection to the amount requested for attorneys' fees and costs.

After reviewing the request, the Court awards the following:

A lump sum of \$34,000.00 in the form of a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, the Law Offices of Damaris Delgado-Vega, for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

The Court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.

Any questions may be directed to my law clerk, Shannon Proctor, at (202) 357-6360.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Christian J. Moran
Christian J. Moran
Special Master