

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

RITA STAUFFER,	*	No. 13-093V
	*	Special Master Christian J. Moran
Petitioner,	*	
v.	*	Filed: May 8, 2015
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	Attorneys’ fees and costs; award
	*	in the amount to which respondent
	*	does not object.
Respondent.	*	

Danielle Strait, Maglio, Christopher & Toale, PA, Washington, DC, for Petitioner;
Michael Milmoë, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

On May 8, 2015, petitioner 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 \$24,490.00, an amount to which respondent does not object. The Court awards this amount.

On February 1, 2013, Rita Stauffer filed a petition for compensation alleging that the influenza (“flu”) vaccine, which she received on September 6, 2011, caused her to suffer Guillain-Barré Syndrome (“GBS”). Petitioner received compensation based upon the parties’ stipulation. Decision, filed Dec. 18, 2014. Because petitioner received compensation, she is entitled to an award of attorneys’ fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

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 decision 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.

Petitioner seeks a total of **\$24,490.00** in attorneys' fees and costs for her counsel. Additionally, in compliance with General Order No. 9, petitioner states that she incurred no out-of-pocket litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. 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 \$24,490.00 in the form of a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Danielle A. Strait, Esq., of the law firm Maglio, Christopher & Toale, PA, 1605 Main Street, Suite 710, Sarasota, Florida 34236, 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, Christina Gervasi, at (202) 357-6360.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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