

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 14-795V

Filed: May 14, 2015

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LINDA HEEG,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Influenza or Flu Vaccine; Shoulder
Injury Related to Vaccine Administration
("SIRVA"); Special Processing Unit
("SPU")

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Maximillian Muller, Esq., Muller Brazil, LLP, Philadelphia, PA, for petitioner.

Camille Collett, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Vowell, Chief Special Master:

On August 29, 2014, Linda Heeg filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² [the "Vaccine Act" or "Program"]. Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury which was caused by the influenza vaccine she received on September 23, 2013. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On May 14, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 7. Specifically, respondent "believes that the alleged injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") and it was caused in fact by the influenza vaccine she received on September 23, 2013." *Id.* Furthermore,

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance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)). 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 "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2006).

respondent did not identify another cause for petitioner's injury and agrees that petitioner's injury lasted for more than six months. *Id.*

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

s/Denise K. Vowell
Denise K. Vowell
Chief Special Master