

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-826V

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| MARY PONSNESS, | * | |
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| Petitioner, | * | Ruling on Entitlement; Concession; |
| | * | Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccination; Shoulder |
| | * | Injury Related to Vaccine Administration |
| SECRETARY OF HEALTH | * | (“SIRVA”); Special Processing Unit |
| AND HUMAN SERVICES, | * | (“SPU”) |
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| Respondent. | * | |
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Paul R. Brazil, Muller Brazil, LLP, Dresher, PA, for petitioner.
Lara Ann Englund, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On August 3, 2015, petitioner 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 shoulder injuries as a result of her January 11, 2013 influenza [“flu”] vaccination. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On December 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 1. Specifically, respondent “opines that petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA)” and that “petitioner’s SIRVA was caused-in-fact by the flu vaccination she received on January 11, 2013.” *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that “based on the current record, petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act.” *Id.*

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website,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, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned 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 (2012).

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master