

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-932V

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KATIE RICE,

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Petitioner,

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;

Influenza;

Shoulder Injury (“SIRVA”);

Special Processing Unit (“SPU”)

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

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AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Paul Brazil, Muller Brazil, LLP, Dresher, PA, for petitioner.

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

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On August 26, 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 a shoulder injury following receipt of her October 8, 2014 influenza vaccination. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 7, 2016, 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 “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 October 8, 2014. *Id.* at 7. Respondent further agrees that no other cause of petitioner’s injury has been identified, that petitioner

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website,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).

suffered her condition for more than six months, and that petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Vaccine Act. *Id.*

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