

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-1045V

Filed: January 22, 2016

Unpublished

RICHARD KAUFMAN,	*	
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Petitioner,	*	Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
	*	Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccination;
	*	Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	Administration (“SIRVA”); Special
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	Processing Unit (“SPU”)
	*	
Respondent.	*	
	*	

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Robert Paul Coleman, III, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On September 21, 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 he suffered a right shoulder injury as a result of his September 10, 2014 influenza vaccination. Petition at 1-3. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 22, 2016, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration [“SIRVA”]. On January 20, 2016, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation [“Proffer”] indicating petitioner should be awarded \$110,000.00. Proffer at 1-2. In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims'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

Based on the record as a whole, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **the undersigned awards petitioner a lump sum payment of \$110,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Richard Kaufman.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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Petitioner,)	
)	No. 15-1045V (ECF)
v.)	Chief Special Master Dorsey
)	
SECRETARY OF HEALTH)	
AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION¹

I. Procedural History

On September 21, 2015, Richard Kaufman (“petitioner”) filed a Petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (“Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered from a right shoulder injury as a result of receiving an influenza vaccine on September 10, 2014. Petition at 1. Petitioner alleges a theory based on causation-in-fact.

On January 20, 2016, respondent filed her Vaccine Rule 4(c) report, conceding causation-in-fact for petitioner’s SIRVA.

II. Items of Compensation

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$110,000.00, which represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

¹ This Proffer does not include attorneys’ fees and costs, which the parties intend to discuss after the Damages Decision is issued.

III. Form of the Award

Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$110,000.00, in the form of a check payable to petitioner.²

Petitioner agrees.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering, and the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief.