

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-1502V

Filed: March 17, 2016

UNPUBLISHED

DORIS LEVITZKI,

Petitioner,

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccine;
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (“SIRVA”);
Special Processing Unit (“SPU”)

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DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On December 11, 2015, Doris Levitzki (“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 left shoulder pain “causally related to an adverse reaction” after receiving an influenza vaccination on September 17, 2015. Petition at ¶¶ 3-4, 10. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On March 16, 2016, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding that petitioner was entitled to compensation. On March 17, 2016, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation [“Proffer”] stating that petitioner should be awarded \$100,000.00. Proffer at 1. According to respondent’s Proffer, petitioner agrees to the proposed award of compensation. Id.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance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 (2012)). 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 (2012).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, the undersigned awards petitioner **a lump sum payment of \$100,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Doris Levitzki**. 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 each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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