In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 16-1165V
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UNPUBLISHED

ROBERT STEVENSON, Petitioner, v. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Respondent.	*	Ruling on Entitlement; Concession; Influenza ("Flu") Vaccine; Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration ("SIRVA"); Special Processing Unit ("SPU")

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Kathryn Ann Robinette, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT[1]

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On September 20, 2016, Robert Stevenson ("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"). Petitioner alleges that he suffered an injury to his left shoulder as a result of an influenza ("flu") vaccine he received on November 9, 2015. Petition at 1, 3. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On November 17, 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 "petitioner's alleged injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ('SIRVA') and that it was caused-in-fact by the flu vaccine he received on November 9, 2015." *Id.* at 3-4. Respondent further agrees that no other causes for petitioner's SIRVA were identified

[1] Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website,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. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). 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).

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and that petitioner met the statutory requirements by suffering the condition for more than six months. *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