

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-1219V

Filed: December 16, 2016

UNPUBLISHED

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CARLA PINGEL,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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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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*Mathew B. Vianello, Jacobson Press & Fields, Clayton MO, for petitioner.*

*Gordon Elliot Shemin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

### **RULING ON ENTITLEMENT**<sup>1</sup>

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On September 28, 2016, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury caused by 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 December 15, 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 “has concluded that petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA), and that it was caused in fact by the flu vaccine she received on or about October 8, 2014.” *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that no other cause of petitioner’s injury was identified, that petitioner suffered sequela of her injury for more than six months, and that

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 Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website,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

<sup>2</sup> 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).

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