

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-1342V

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| BRITTANY N. RIDGEWAY, | * |                                    |
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| Petitioner,           | * | Ruling on Entitlement; Concession; |
| v.                    | * | Influenza (“Flu”); Shoulder Injury |
|                       | * | Related to Vaccine Administration  |
| SECRETARY OF HEALTH   | * | (“SIRVA”);                         |
| AND HUMAN SERVICES,   | * | Special Processing Unit (“SPU”)    |
|                       | * |                                    |
| Respondent.           | * |                                    |
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*Douglas Lee Burdette, Burkett & Burdette, Seattle, WA, for petitioner.*  
*Ann Martin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

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

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On October 14, 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 Related to Vaccine Administration (“SIRVA”) as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine she received on December 11, 2015. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On February 28, 2017, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent petitioner’s right shoulder injury is consistent with a SIRVA, that it was caused in fact by the flu vaccine she received on December 11, 2015, and that compensation is appropriate. *Id.* at 3. Respondent further agrees that petitioner has met the statutory requirements for entitlement to compensation. *Id.*

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 Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website,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

**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