

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 18-0478V

Filed: March 22, 2019

UNPUBLISHED

DANIEL J. HOLDING,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Table Injury; Influenza (Flu) Vaccine;
Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)

Matthew F. Belanger, Faraci Lange LLP, Rochester, NY, for petitioner.

Meredith Burns Healy, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On April 2, 2018, 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 developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome (“GBS”) as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine received on January 2, 2017. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On March 22, 2019, 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

¹ The undersigned intends to post this ruling on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website. **This means the ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** 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. Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, undersigned is required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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).

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).

at 1. Specifically, respondent agrees that petitioner developed GBS, as defined by the Vaccine Injury Table, between three and forty-two days after receiving a seasonal flu vaccination and there is no apparent alternative cause *Id.* at 5. Respondent further agrees that petitioner suffered the residual effects of his condition for more than six months and has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Vaccine Act. *Id.*

In view of respondent's position and the evidence of record, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master