

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 18-0651V

UNPUBLISHED

IDA E. SONDY,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: November 22, 2019

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine;
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (SIRVA)

David Alfred Couch, David A. Couch, PLLC, Little Rock, AR, for petitioner.

Voris Edward Johnson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On May 8, 2018, Ida E. Sony 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 she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) caused by the pneumococcal conjugate vaccination she received on April 1, 2015. Petition at ¶¶ 1-2. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On September 27, 2019, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. On November 21, 2019, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$80,000.00. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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). **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, 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).

with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$80,000.00 in the form of a check payable to Petitioner.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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RESPONDENT’S PROFFER ON AWARD OF DAMAGES

On September 27, 2019, respondent, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, filed his Rule 4(c) Report conceding entitlement to compensation in this matter alleging a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration following a pneumococcal conjugate vaccination. The same day, the Court entered its Ruling on Entitlement, finding petitioner Ida E. Sony entitled to Vaccine Act compensation. Respondent now proffers that petitioner receive a compensation award consisting of a lump sum of **\$80,000.00** in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Ida E. Sony.¹ This amount represents compensation for all elements of compensation under **42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)** to which petitioner is entitled.²

Petitioner agrees with the proffered award of \$80,000.00.³

¹ Petitioner is a competent adult. No guardianship is required.

² Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering, and the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief.

³ This proffer does not include any award for attorneys’ fees and costs that may be awarded pursuant to **42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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