

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 18-1925V

UNPUBLISHED

KATHLYN HAYNES

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: November 19, 2021

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Table Injury; Influenza (Flu) Vaccine;
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (SIRVA)

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Petitioner.*

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RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On December 17, 2018, Kathlyn Haynes 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”) as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine that was administered to her on October 6, 2017. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 13, 2021, I issued Findings of Fact in which I determined that “preponderant evidence establishes that the vaccination alleged as causal in this case was more likely than not administered to Petitioner in the right arm/shoulder on October

¹ Because this unpublished Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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 section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

6, 2017.” ECF No. 30 at 6. In reaction, on November 10, 2021, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report indicating that while preserving his right to appeal the October 13, 2021 Fact Finding, “compensation is appropriate in this case” and stating that he “will not continue to defend this case.” Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1, 3.

In view of Respondent’s position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master