

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 20-1819V

UNPUBLISHED

JEFFREY A. FOWLER,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: April 12, 2023

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

*Howard Scott Gold, Gold Law Firm, LLC, Wellesley Hills, MA, for Petitioner.*

*James Vincent Lopez, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

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

On December 10, 2020, Jeffrey A. Fowler 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 he suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA) resulting from a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV-13) administered on December 15, 2017. Petition at 1. Petitioner further alleges the vaccination was administered within the United States, his symptoms continued for more than six months, and he has never received compensation in the form of an award or settlement for his injuries. Petition at 1-2. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

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<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

On March 20, 2023, 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 that Petitioner has satisfied the criteria set forth in the Table and the Qualifications and Aids to Interpretation for SIRVA. *Id.* at 3. Respondent further agrees that the case was timely filed, that Petitioner received a PCV-13 vaccine in the United States, and that he satisfies the statutory severity requirement by suffering the residual effects or complications of his injury for more than six months after vaccine administration. *Id.*

**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