

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 20-2035V

BRIDGET HASTINGS,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

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Ronald Craig Homer, Conway, Homer, P.C., Boston, MA, for Petitioner.

Jamica Marie Littles, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On December 30, 2020, Bridget Hastings 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”) and/or brachial plexopathy as a result of a tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) vaccine administered on January 27, 2020. Petition at 1-2. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On June 30, 2023, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case for brachial neuritis. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, Respondent states that “[P]etitioner is entitled to a

¹ Because this Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (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 (2018).

presumption of vaccine causation for her brachial neuritis and related sequelae.” *Id.* at 9. Respondent further agrees that Petitioner has satisfied all statutory and jurisdictional requirements. *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