

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 21-0285V

ROXANN WELLINGTON

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

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Petitioner.*

Lynn Christina Schlie, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On January 7, 2021, Roxann Wellington filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). She filed an amended petition on August 2, 2022. ECF No. 21. Petitioner alleges that she suffered Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome (“CRPS”) which was caused-in-fact by the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) she received on October 11, 2019. *Id.* at 1, ¶¶ 1, 9. Petitioner further alleges that she received the vaccine within the United States, that she suffered the residual effects of her injury for more than six months post-vaccination, and that neither she nor any other individual has filed a civil action or

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).

received compensation for her injury. *Id.* at ¶¶ 1, 9-10. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On June 27, 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, ECF No. 29. Specifically, Respondent "agrees with [P]etitioner's claim that her left arm CRPS was caused-in-fact by the Tdap vaccination she received on October 11, 2019." *Id.* at 9. Respondent further agrees that "based on the record as it now stands, [P]etitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act." *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