

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-1039V

MARY CAMA,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 5, 2024

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*Ryan Daniel Pyles, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

### **DECISION ON DAMAGES**<sup>1</sup>

On March 8, 2021, Mary Cama 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 she suffered a left-sided shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) as the result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine received on September 18, 2020. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On December 6, 2023, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for SIRVA. On January 4, 2024, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”). Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with

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<sup>1</sup> Because this Decision 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 Decision 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 (2018).

the proffered award. *Id.* at 1. 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 a lump sum payment of \$70,058.04 (for actual and projected pain and suffering at net present value, in addition to \$58.04 for past unreimbursed expenses) in the form of a check payable to Petitioner.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Brian H. Corcoran**  
Brian H. Corcoran  
Chief Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> 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 COMPENSATION**

On March 8, 2021, Mary Cama (petitioner) filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34, alleging that she received an influenza vaccination on September 18, 2020, and thereafter suffered from a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (SIRVA). *See* Petition. On December 5, 2023, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (respondent) filed his Rule 4(c) Report recommending that compensation be awarded. ECF No. 41. On December 6, 2023, the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding petitioner entitled to compensation. ECF No. 42. Respondent now proffers the following compensation:

A lump sum of **\$70,058.04** in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner agrees with the foregoing proffered award.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner is a competent adult.

Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

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<sup>1</sup> This total amount represents an award for actual and projected pain and suffering at net present value, in addition to \$58.04 for past unreimbursed expenses. 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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<sup>2</sup> Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future lost earnings, future expenses, and future pain and suffering.