

In the United States Court of Federal Claims  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS  
No. 21-1146V  
Filed: January 20, 2026

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JENNIFER SOILEAU, \*  
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Petitioner, \*  
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v. \*  
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH \*  
AND HUMAN SERVICES, \*  
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Respondent. \*  
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Mark T. Sadaka, Esq., Law Offices of Sadaka Associates, LLC, Englewood, NJ, for petitioner.  
Elizabeth Andary, Esq., US Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

**DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION<sup>1</sup>**

**Roth**, Special Master:

On March 31, 2021, Jennifer Soileau (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner alleges that she developed “vaccine-induced injection site reaction, left arm pain, paresthesia, diffuse sensory motor polyneuropathy of the left arm/shoulder, left median neuropathy at the wrist, rotator cuff capsule sprain, cervical radiculopathy, cervicgia, tendinopathy and left shoulder tears” after receiving an influenza vaccine on January 7, 2019. Stipulation, filed January 20, 2026, at ¶¶ 1-4. Respondent denies that the aforementioned immunization caused petitioner’s injury. Stipulation at ¶ 6.

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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 “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2018).

Nevertheless, the parties have agreed to settle the case. On January 20, 2026, the parties filed a joint stipulation agreeing to settle this case and describing the settlement terms.<sup>3</sup>

Respondent agrees to issue the following payment:

- A. A lump sum of **\$45,000.00** to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner; and
- B. A lump sum of **\$2,331.20**, representing reimbursement of a Medicaid lien for services rendered to petitioner by the State of Louisiana, in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and MultiPlan:

MultiPlan  
535 E. Diehl Road, Suite 100  
Naperville, IL 60563  
Re: Case # 390171

Petitioner agrees to endorse this check to MultiPlan.

This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

I adopt the parties' stipulation attached hereto, and award compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>4</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/ Mindy Michaels Roth**  
Mindy Michaels Roth  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> The stipulation was filed with petitioner's signature completed via Vinesign (electronic verification). To avoid the unnecessary disclosure of petitioner's personal information, the Vinesign electronic signature forms have been omitted from this decision.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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Special Master Mindy Michaels Roth  
ECF

**STIPULATION**

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. Jennifer Soileau (“petitioner”) filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 to -34 (the “Vaccine Program”). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to petitioner’s receipt of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine, which is a vaccine contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3(a).
2. Petitioner received the flu vaccine in her left arm on November 3, 2018.
3. The vaccine was administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that she suffered “vaccine-induced injection site reaction, left arm pain, paresthesia, diffuse sensory motor polyneuropathy of the left arm/shoulder, left median neuropathy at the wrist, rotator cuff capsule sprain, cervical radiculopathy, cervicalgia, tendinopathy, and left shoulder tears,” that were either caused-in-fact by or significantly aggravated by the flu vaccine, and that she experienced the residual effects of these injuries for more than six months. Petition at I.

5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on her behalf as a result of the alleged injuries.

6. Respondent denies that the flu vaccine is the cause of petitioner's alleged injuries; and denies that her current condition is a sequela of a vaccine-related injury.

7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.

8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payment:

- A. A lump sum of **\$45,000.00** to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner.
- B. A lump sum of **\$2,331.20**,<sup>1</sup> representing reimbursement of a Medicaid lien for services rendered to petitioner by the State of Louisiana, in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and MultiPlan:

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<sup>1</sup> This amount represents full satisfaction of any right of subrogation, assignment, claim, lien, or cause of action the State of Louisiana may have against any individual as a result of any Medicaid payments the Louisiana Program has made to or on behalf of Jennifer Soileau as a result of her alleged vaccine-related injuries suffered on or about November 3, 2018, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, see 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), (h).

These amounts represent compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).

9. As soon as practicable after the entry of judgment on entitlement in this case, and after petitioner has filed both a proper and timely election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), and an application, the parties will submit to further proceedings before the special master to award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in proceeding upon this petition.

10. Petitioner and her attorney represent that compensation to be provided pursuant to this Stipulation is not for any items or services for which the Program is not primarily liable under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), to the extent that payment has been made or can reasonably be expected to be made under any State compensation programs, insurance policies, Federal or State health benefits programs (other than Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.)), or by entities that provide health services on a pre-paid basis.

11. Payments made pursuant to paragraph 8 of this Stipulation, and any amounts awarded pursuant to paragraph 9 of this Stipulation, will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the availability of sufficient statutory funds.

12. The parties and their attorneys further agree and stipulate that, except for any award for attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and past unreimbursable expenses, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be used solely for the benefit of petitioner, as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-15(g) and (h).

13. In return for the payments described in paragraphs 8 and 9, petitioner, in petitioner's individual capacity, and on behalf of petitioner's heirs, executors, administrators, successors or

assigns, does forever irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit, and discharge the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from any and all actions or causes of action (including agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses, and all demands of whatever kind or nature) that have been brought, could have been brought, or hereafter could be timely brought in the Court of Federal Claims, under the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq., on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected personal injuries to or death of petitioner resulting from, or that may be alleged to have resulted from, the flu vaccination administered on or November 3, 2018, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about March 31, 2021, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 21-1146V.

14. If petitioner should die prior to entry of judgment, this agreement shall be voidable upon proper notice to the Court on behalf of either or both of the parties.

15. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation or if the Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this Stipulation shall be voidable at the sole discretion of either party.

16. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete negotiated settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, except as otherwise noted in paragraph 9 above. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and understand that the award described in this stipulation may reflect a compromise of the parties' respective positions as to liability and/or

amount of damages, and further, that a change in the nature of the injury or condition or in the items of compensation sought, is not grounds to modify or revise this agreement.

17. This Stipulation shall not be construed as an admission by the United States or the Secretary of Health and Human Services that the flu vaccine caused petitioner to suffer the alleged injuries or her current disabilities, or any other injury or condition, or that petitioner sustained an injury contained in the Vaccine Injury Table.

18. All rights and obligations of petitioner hereunder shall apply equally to petitioner's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns.

**END OF STIPULATION**

Respectfully submitted,

**PETITIONER:**

*Mary J. Soileau*

JENNIFER SOILEAU

**ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR  
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*[Handwritten Signature]*

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