

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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THOMAS BURBANK, \* Unpublished
Petitioner, \* No. 21-1337V
v. \* Special Master Gowen
SECRETARY OF HEALTH \* Decision on Stipulation; Tetanus
AND HUMAN SERVICES, \* diphtheria-acellular pertussis ("Tdap");
Respondent. \* Guillain-Barré Syndrome ("GBS");
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating
Polyneuropathy ("CIDP").
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Ronald Craig Homer, Conway Homer, P.C., Boston, MA, for petitioner.
Emily H Manoso, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for respondent.

DECISION ON STIPULATION1

On May 7, 2021, Thomas Burbank ("petitioner"), filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.2 (Petition) (ECF No. 1). Petitioner alleged that as a result of receiving tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis ("Tdap") on September 18, 2018, he suffered from Guillain-Barré syndrome ("GBS") and/or chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy ("CIDP"). Id.

On May 25, 2023, respondent filed a stipulation stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation to petitioner. Stipulation (ECF No. 37). Respondent denies that the Tdap vaccine caused petitioner to suffer from CIDP, GBS, or any other injury, or his current condition. Id. at ¶ 6. Nevertheless, maintaining their respective positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding petitioner compensation according to the terms of the stipulation attached here to as Appendix A. Id. at ¶ 7.

1 Pursuant to the E-Government Act of 2002, see 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012), because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims. The court's website is at http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/aggregator/sources/7. This means the decision will be available to anyone with access to the Internet. Before the decision is posted on the court's website, each party has 14 days to file a motion requesting redaction "of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). "An objecting party must provide the court with a proposed redacted version of the decision." Id. If neither party files a motion for redaction within 14 days, the decision will be posted on the court's website without any changes. Id.

2 The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 to 34 (2012) (hereinafter "Vaccine Act" or "the Act"). Hereinafter, individual section references will be to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa of the Act.

The stipulation provides:

- a) **A lump sum of \$110,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 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 **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Thomas L. Gowen**

Thomas L. Gowen  
Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Entry of judgment is expediated by each party's filing notice renouncing the right to seek review. Vaccine Rule 11(a).