

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

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RANDY PATTON,	*	No. 22-286V
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Petitioner,	*	
	*	Special Master Christian J. Moran
v.	*	
	*	Filed: December 18, 2024
SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	
	*	
Respondent.	*	

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Jeffrey S. Pop, Jeffrey S. Pop & Associates, Beverly Hills, CA, for Petitioner;
Alec Saxe, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION AWARDING
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e), petitioner has requested a total of \$48,764.91 in attorneys' fees and costs. The undersigned tentatively found that petitioner requested a reasonable amount and was entitled to the full amount requested. The undersigned allowed respondent an opportunity to comment. Respondent did not interpose any objections within the time permitted.

Petitioner's attorney, attorney staff, and expert have requested hourly rates that are consistent with the rates previously awarded and/or reasonable. The number of hours is reasonable. Thus, the amount requested is reasonable.

¹ The E-Government, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

The determination that the amount is reasonable depends, in part, upon respondent's failure to interpose any objection with particularity. Vaccine Rule 13(a)(3). Nevertheless, the undersigned observes that expert whom petitioner retained, Joseph Lasky, created an invoice that lacked details. See Caves v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs., 111 Fed. Cl. 774, 781-83 (2013); Morse v. Sec'y of Health & Human Servs., 89 Fed. Cl. 683 (2009). Petitioner's attorney is encouraged to counsel Dr. Lasky to describe his activities more specifically.

Petitioner is awarded \$48,764.91. This amount shall be made payable as a lump sum in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Jeffrey S. Pop.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Christian J. Moran
Christian J. Moran
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing their right to seek review.