

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 22-0763V

MELISSA MCCALL,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 17, 2025

*Joseph Alexander Vuckovich, Maglio Christopher & Toale, PA, Washington, DC, for  
Petitioner.*

*Felicia Langel, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.*

### **RULING ON ENTITLEMENT**<sup>1</sup>

On July 13, 2022, Melissa McCall 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”), alleging that she suffered from Guillain-Barré syndrome (“GBS”), a Table injury, as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine administered on November 14, 2019. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 17, 2025, Respondent filed a combined Rule 4(c) Report and Proffer, in which he **concedes** that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Rule 4(c) Report and Proffer at 1. Specifically, Respondent agrees that Petitioner has satisfied the criteria set forth in the effective Vaccine Injury Table (“Table”) and the Qualifications and

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<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of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.

<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).

Aids to Interpretation (“QAI”) for GBS after a seasonal flu vaccine. *Id.* at 3 (citing 42 C.F.R. §§ 100.3(a)(XIV)(D), (c)(15)).

**In view of Respondent’s position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioners are entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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