

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 22-1093V

LI HA,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: October 25, 2023

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Voris Edward Johnson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On August 24, 2022, Li Ha filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) as a result of an influenza vaccination she received on January 4, 2021. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On September 11, 2023, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. On October 24, 2023, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$111,347.40, comprised of \$110,000.00 for pain and suffering and \$1,347.40 for past unreimbursed expenses. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

¹ 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.

² 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).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$111,347.40, comprised of \$110,000.00 for pain and suffering and \$1,347.40 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.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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

³ 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. |) | |

RESPONDENT’S PROFFER ON AWARD OF DAMAGES

On September 11, 2023, respondent, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, filed his Rule 4(c) Report conceding entitlement to compensation in this matter alleging a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration following an influenza vaccination. ECF Doc. 26. The same day, the Court entered its Ruling on Entitlement, finding petitioner Li Ha entitled to Vaccine Act compensation. ECF Doc. 27. Respondent now proffers that petitioner receive a compensation award consisting of a lump sum of **\$111,347.40**, which amount includes \$110,000.00 for pain and suffering and \$1,347.40 for past unreimbursed expenses, in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Li Ha.¹ This amount represents compensation for all elements of compensation under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) to which petitioner is entitled.²

Petitioner agrees with the proffered award of \$111,347.40.³

¹ Petitioner is a competent adult. No guardianship is required.

² Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering, and the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief.

³ 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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