

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 23-1495V

GINA LEWIS,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 16, 2025

Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr., Rawls Law Group, Richmond, VA, for Petitioner.

Eleanor Hanson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On August 30, 2023, Gina Lewis 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”) after receiving a tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (“Tdap”) vaccination on April 29, 2022. Petition at 1. Petitioner further alleges that she had no history of pain, inflammation, or dysfunction of her shoulder prior to vaccination; that pain occurred within 48-hours of receipt of a covered vaccination; the pain and reduced range of motion was limited to the shoulder in which the vaccine was administered; and that no other condition or abnormality has been identified to explain

¹ Because this 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.

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).

Petitioner's shoulder pain. *Id.* The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 16, 2025, Respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, Respondent is satisfied that based on the record as it now stands, Petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act. *Id.* at 6.

In view of Respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master