In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 24-0221V

REBECCA RAUENBUEHLER,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: August 27, 2026

David John Carney, Green & Schafle LLC, Philadelphia, PA, for Petitioner.

Alyssa M. Petroff, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT[1]

On February 14, 2024, Rebecca Rauenbuehler 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") resulting from an influenza ("flu") vaccine received on October 27, 2021. Petition at 1. Petitioner further alleges the vaccine was administered in the United States, she suffered residual effects of her condition for more than six months, and she has never received compensation in the form of an award or settlement for her vaccine-related injuries. Petition at ¶¶ 4, 16-19, 21. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

[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).

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On August 26, 2026, Respondent filed an amended Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Amended Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, Respondent agrees that Petitioner has satisfied the criteria set forth in the Vaccine Injury Table and Qualifications and Aids to Interpretation, which afford Petitioner a presumption of causation if the onset of SIRVA occurs within 48 hours after receipt of a flu vaccine. *Id.* at 6. Respondent further agrees that the records show that the case was timely filed, Petitioner received the vaccine in the United States, and Petitioner satisfied the statutory severity requirement insofar as she suffered the residual effects or complications of her injury for more than six months. *Id*.

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