

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 24-1430V

JOYCE BOHANNON, Personal
Representative of ESTATE OF
CLAUDE BOHANNON, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: April 24, 2026

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Julianna Rose Kober, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION¹

On September 13, 2024, Joyce Bohannon, as personal representative of the estate of Claude Bohannon, Jr., 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 Mr. Bohannon suffered Guillain-Barré syndrome (“GBS”) resulting from an influenza (“flu”) vaccine received on October 18, 2022. Petition at 1; Stipulation, filed April 23, 2026, at ¶¶ 2-4. Petitioner further alleges that the vaccine was administered within the United States, Mr. Bohannon’s death on or about November 19, 2022 was a sequela of his alleged vaccine-related injury, and there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on Mr. Bohannon’s behalf as a result of his alleged injury and/or death. Petition at ¶¶ 6-9; Stipulation at ¶¶ 3-5. “Respondent denies that decedent suffered a GBS Table injury; denies that the flu vaccination caused or significantly aggravated decedent’s alleged GBS, or any other injury or condition; and

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).

denies that decedent's alleged GBS or any other alleged vaccine-related injury caused his death." Stipulation at ¶ 6.

Nevertheless, on April 23, 2026, the parties filed the attached joint stipulation, stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation. I find the stipulation reasonable and adopt it as my decision awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Stipulation, **I award** the following compensation:

A lump sum of \$186,500.00, to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to Petitioner as legal representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon. Stipulation at ¶ 8. This amount represents compensation for all items of damages that would be available under Section 15(a). *Id.*

I approve the requested amount for Petitioner's compensation. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, 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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STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. On September 13, 2024, Joyce Bohannon (“petitioner”), as personal representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon (“decedent”), filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 to -34 (the “Vaccine Program”). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to decedent’s receipt of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3(a).
2. Decedent received a flu vaccine on October 18, 2022.
3. The vaccine was administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that decedent suffered the injury Guillain-Barre Syndrome (“GBS”) within the Table timeframe following the flu immunization he received on or about October 18, 2022. Petitioner further alleges that decedent’s death on or about November 19, 2022, was a sequela of his alleged vaccine-related injury.

5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on decedent's behalf as a result of his alleged injury and/or death.

6. Respondent denies that decedent suffered a GBS Table injury; denies that the flu vaccination caused or significantly aggravated decedent's alleged GBS, or any other injury or condition; and denies that decedent's alleged GBS or any other alleged vaccine-related injury caused his death.

7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.

8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payment:

A lump sum payment of **\$186,500.00** to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner as legal representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(a).

9. As soon as practicable after the entry of judgment on entitlement in this case, and after petitioner has filed both a proper and timely election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), and an application, the parties will submit to further proceedings before the special master to award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in proceeding upon this petition.

10. Petitioner and her attorney represent that compensation to be provided pursuant to this Stipulation is not for any items or services for which the Program is not primarily liable

under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), to the extent that payment has been made or can reasonably be expected to be made under any State compensation programs, insurance policies, Federal or State health benefits programs (other than Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.)), or by entities that provide health services on a pre-paid basis.

11. Payment made pursuant to paragraph 8 and any amounts awarded pursuant to paragraph 9 of this Stipulation will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the availability of sufficient statutory funds.

12. The parties and their attorneys further agree and stipulate that, except for any award for attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and past unreimbursable expenses, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be used solely for the benefit of petitioner as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g) and (h).

13. In return for the payments described in paragraphs 8 and 9, petitioner, in her individual capacity and as personal representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon, on her own behalf, and on behalf of decedent's heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, does forever irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit and discharge the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from any and all actions or causes of action (including agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature) that have been brought, could have been brought, or could be timely brought in the Court of Federal Claims, under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq., on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected personal injuries to or death of decedent resulting from, or

alleged to have resulted from, the flu vaccination administered on October 18, 2022, as alleged in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about September 13, 2024, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 24-1430V.

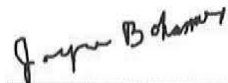
14. Petitioner represents that she presently is duly authorized to serve as Personal Representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon, under the laws of the State of Kentucky. No payments pursuant to this Stipulation shall be made until petitioner provides the Secretary with documentation establishing her appointment as Personal Representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon. If petitioner is not authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction to serve as Personal Representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon at the time a payment pursuant to this Stipulation is to be made, any such payment shall be paid to the party or parties appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to serve as legal representative of the Estate of Claude Bohannon, upon submission of written documentation of such appointment to the Secretary.

15. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation or if the Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this Stipulation shall be voidable at the sole discretion of either party.

16. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete negotiated settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, except as otherwise noted in paragraph 9 above. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and understand that the award described in this Stipulation may reflect a compromise of the parties' respective positions as to liability and/or

Respectfully submitted,

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