In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 25-575V

RHEAMYRL JUBELAG CASTILLO,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: February 20, 2026

Bruce William Slane, The Law Office of Bruce W. Slane. P.C., White Plains, NY, for Petitioner.

Naseem Kourosh, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES[1]

On April 2, 2025, Rheamyrl Jubelag Castillo 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 from Guillain-Barré Syndrome ("GBS") following an influenza ("flu") vaccine received on October 25, 2023. Petition at ¶¶ 3, 72. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 24, 2025, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for GBS. On February 19, 2026, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating Petitioner should be awarded $191,332.69 (consisting of $152,500.00 for past pain and suffering, $31,120.64 for past lost wages, and $7,712.05 for past unreimbursed expenses). Proffer at 1-2. 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).

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Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of $191,332.69, to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement 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'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

On April 2, 2025, Rheamyrl Jubelag Castillo ("petitioner") filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleged that she suffered Guillain-Barré syndrome as a result of an influenza vaccine administered on October 25, 2023. Petition at 1.

On October 24, 2025, the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("respondent") filed a Rule 4(c) Report indicating that this case is appropriate for compensation under the terms of the Act. ECF No. 17.

On October 24, 2025, Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement, finding that petitioner is entitled to compensation. ECF No. 19. On the same date, the Chief Special Master issued a damages order. ECF No. 20.

I. Items of Compensation

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded $191,332.69, consisting of $152,500.00 in pain and suffering, $31,120.64 in lost wages, and

$7,712.05 in unreimbursed expenses. This represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case. Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner be made through a lump sum payment as described below and requests that the Chief Special Master's decision and the Court's judgment award the following: a lump sum payment of **$191,332.69** to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner.[1]

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future pain and suffering, and future lost wages.