In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 25-865V

STEPHEN COLEMAN, Petitioner, v. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Respondent.	Chief Special Master Corcoran Filed: April 14, 2026

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DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES[1]

On May 21, 2025, Stephen Coleman 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 he suffered a Table injury - shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as a result of the administration of an influenza vaccine on December 8, 2023. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On January 13, 2026, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for SIRVA. On April 13, 2026, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating Petitioner should be awarded $105,000.00 for pain and suffering and $1,890.29 for unreimbursed expenses. Proffer at 2. 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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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.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of $106,890.29 (representing $105,000.00 for pain and suffering and $1,890.29 for unreimbursed expenses) 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

I. Procedural History

On May 21, 2025, Stephen Coleman ("petitioner") filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 ("Vaccine Act" or "Act"), alleging that he suffered a Table shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA"), as the result of an influenza ("flu") vaccination received on December 8, 2023. Pet. at 1.

On January 12, 2026, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) Report, conceding entitlement in this case because petitioner met the criteria to establish a presumptive Table SIRVA injury. ECF Doc. No. 19 at 1, 5-7. On January 13, 2026, the Court issued its Ruling on Entitlement, finding that petitioner was entitled to compensation. ECF Doc. No. 20.

II. Items of Compensation and Form of the Award

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded $106,890.29. The award is comprised of the following: $105,000.00 for pain and suffering and $1,890.29 for unreimbursed out-of-pocket medical expenses. This amount represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) regarding his December 8, 2023 flu vaccination. Petitioner agrees.[1]

III. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump-sum payment of $106,890.29, to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner. Petitioner agrees.

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

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 lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

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DATED: April 13, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that today, April 13, 2026, a copy of the foregoing pleading was served by electronic mail to petitioner's counsel, Leah Durant, at ldurant@durantllc.com.

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