In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 25-976V

JUANITA CHAPPLE,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: July 21, 2026

Jonathan P. Groth, Groth Law Firm, S.C., Wauwatosa, WI, for Petitioner.

Camille Michelle Collett, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES[1]

On June 11, 2025, Juanita Chapple 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 a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") as a result of an influenza ("flu") vaccination administered to her on September 9, 2024. Pet., ECF No. 1. Petitioner further alleges that the vaccine was received in the United States, she suffered sequela of her injury for more than six months, and neither Petitioner nor any other party has ever received compensation in the form of an award or settlement for her vaccine-related injury. *Id.* The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On February 23, 2026, a Ruling on Entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. ECF No. 26. On July 20, 2026, Respondent filed

[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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a Proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating Petitioner should be awarded $100,000.00 in pain and suffering and $8,541.22 representing satisfaction of two Medicaid liens. Proffer at 2, ECF No. 35. In the Proffer, Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *See 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 the following:**

A. A lump sum payment of $100,000.00 for pain and suffering to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to Petitioner; and

B. A lump sum payment of $8,448.12, representing compensation for satisfaction of the State of Wisconsin Medicaid lien, to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to:

Dean Health Plan
Attention: Julie O'Connell
P.O. Box 56099
Madison, WI 53705-9399

C. A lump sum payment of $93.10, representing compensation for satisfaction of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Medicaid lien, to be paid through an ACH deposit to Petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to:

Wisconsin Casualty Recovery
Attention: Michelle Stern (Case No. 283667)
225 East John Carpenter Freeway Suite 500
Irving, TX 75062

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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PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION[1]

On June 11, 2025, Juanita Chapple ("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"), as amended, alleging that she suffered a Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration ("SIRVA") following an influenza ("flu") vaccination she received on September 9, 2024. *See* Petition at 1, 7 (ECF No. 1). On February 13, 2026, the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("respondent") filed his Rule 4(c) Report indicating that this case is appropriate for compensation under the terms of the Act for a SIRVA Table injury. ECF No. 21. On February 23, 2026, the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding that petitioner is entitled to vaccine compensation. ECF No. 26.

I. Items of Compensation

Based on the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded the following:

[1] This Proffer does not include attorneys' fees and costs, which the parties intend to address after the Damages Decision is issued.

A. Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded **$100,000.00** in pain and suffering. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

B. Medicaid Lien

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded funds to satisfy two State of Wisconsin Medicaid liens totaling **$8,541.22**, which represents full satisfaction of any right of subrogation, assignment, claim, lien, or cause of action the State of Wisconsin may have against any individual as a result of any Medicaid payments the State of Wisconsin has made to or on behalf of petitioner from the date of her eligibility for benefits through the date of judgment in this case as a result of her vaccine-related injury suffered on or about September 9, 2024, under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The above amounts represent all elements of compensation to which petitioner is entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award/Recommended Payments

The parties recommend that compensation provided to petitioner should be made through two lump sum payments described below, and request that the Chief Special Master's decision and the Court's judgment award the following: [2]

A. A lump sum payment of **$100,000.00** to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to petitioner, Juanita Chapple; and

[2] 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.

B. A lump sum payment of **$8,448.12,** representing compensation for satisfaction of the State of Wisconsin Medicaid lien, to be paid through an ACH deposit to petitioner's counsel's IOLTA account for prompt disbursement to:

Dean Health Plan
Attention: Julie O'Connell
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Madison, WI 53705-9399

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Wisconsin Casualty Recovery
Attention: Michelle Stern (Case No. 283667)
225 East John Carpenter Freeway Suite 500
Irving, TX 75062

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 20, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that today, July 20, 2026, a copy of the foregoing pleading was served by electronic mail to Jonathan Groth at jon@grothlawfirm.com.

s/ Camille M. Collett