In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 06-809V (Not to be published)

DECISION (ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,¹ I issued a Decision on September 14, 2015. On January 4, 2016, the parties filed a joint stipulation of fact concerning attorneys' fees and costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of \$7,267.25, representing attorneys' fees and costs of \$7,107.25, and \$250.00 of costs expended by Petitioners.

I find that this Petition was filed and pursued in good faith and with a reasonable basis. Thus, an award for fees and costs is appropriate at this time, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amounts seem reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, I hereby award the following attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1):

• a lump sum of \$7,017.25, in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioners and Petitioners' counsel, Richard Gage, on account of services performed by counsel's law firm.

¹ The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq. (2012).

• a lump sum of \$250.00, in the form of a check payable to Petitioners, which represents Petitioners' own litigation expenses in this case.

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr. George L. Hastings, Jr. Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.