

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 14-654V

Filed: August 17, 2015

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KAREN WOOLLEY,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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Attorney Fees and Costs; Stipulation

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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*Amber Wilson, Esq., Maglio Christopher and Toale, PA, (DC) Washington, DC, for
petitioner.*

Justine Walters, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION ON ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS¹

Vowell, Chief Special Master:

On July 25, 2014, Karen Woolley filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² [the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”]. Petitioner alleges that she suffered the Miller Fisher variant of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) causally related to an adverse reaction to the influenza vaccine she received on September 9, 2013. Petition, ¶¶ 2, 5-7; Stipulation, filed June 15, 2015, ¶¶ 2, 4. On June 16, 2015, I issued a decision awarding compensation to petitioner based on the parties’ stipulation.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioners have 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 “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2006).

On August 13, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation of Facts Regarding Final Attorneys' Fees and Costs. According to the stipulation, the parties agree upon an award of \$18,363.82 for attorney's fees and costs and an award of \$19.76 for costs paid by petitioner for a total award of \$18,383.58. In compliance with General Order #9, petitioner has filed a statement indicating she incurred \$19.76 in out-of-pocket expenses.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-15(e). I find the proposed amount to be reasonable.

Accordingly, I award the total \$18,383.58 as follows:

1. an award of \$18,363.82 in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Amber D. Wilson, and

2. an award of \$19.76 in the form of a check solely payable to petitioner.

The clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Denise K. Vowell
Denise K. Vowell
Chief Special Master

³ Entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing of a notice renouncing the right to seek review. See Vaccine Rule 11(a).