

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 14-763V

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AMANDA CALLAHAN, on
behalf of her minor child, J.B.,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Autism; Joint Stipulation of Dismissal;
Insufficient Proof of Causation; Vaccine
Act Entitlement; Denial Without Hearing

DECISION DISMISSING PETITION

On August 22, 2014, Petitioner filed a Petition for Vaccine Compensation in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (“the Program”),¹ alleging that various vaccinations injured J.B. The information in the record, however, does not show entitlement to an award under the Program.

On April 29, 2015, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation requesting dismissal of this claim. In that stipulation, Petitioner acknowledges that she will be unable to satisfy the requirements to establish entitlement to compensation in the Program.

To receive compensation under the Program, Petitioner must prove either 1) that J.B. suffered a “Table Injury” – i.e., an injury falling within the Vaccine Injury Table – corresponding to one of J.B.’s vaccinations, or 2) that J.B. suffered an injury that was actually caused by a vaccine. See §§ 300aa-13(a)(1)(A) and 300aa-11(c)(1). An examination of the record did not uncover any evidence that J.B. suffered a “Table Injury.” Further, the record does not contain a

¹ The Program comprises Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* (hereinafter “Vaccine Act” or “the Act”). Hereafter, individual section references will be to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa of the Act.

medical expert's opinion or any other persuasive evidence indicating that J.B.'s injury was vaccine-caused.

Under the Act, petitioners may not be given a Program award based solely on the petitioners' claims alone. Rather, the petition must be supported by either medical records or by the opinion of a competent physician. § 300aa-13(a)(1). In this case, because there are insufficient medical records supporting Petitioner's claim, a medical opinion must be offered in support. Petitioner, however, has offered no such opinion.

Accordingly, it is clear from the record in this case that Petitioner has failed to demonstrate either that J.B. suffered a "Table Injury" or that J.B.'s injuries were "actually caused" by a vaccination. **Thus, this case is dismissed for insufficient proof. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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