

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: January 30, 2015)

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KRISTEN WALTER,	*	
	*	No. 14-1095
Petitioner,	*	
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v.	*	Special Master Hamilton-Fieldman
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*	
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*	Ruling on Entitlement; Conceded;
	*	Influenza (Flu) Vaccine; Shoulder Injury
Respondent.	*	Related to Vaccine Administration
	*	(SIRVA).

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Maximillian J. Muller, Muller Brazil, LLP, Philadelphia, PA, for Petitioner.

Lisa A. Watts, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On November 10, 2014, Kristen Walter (“Petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (“the Program”).² Petitioner alleged that an influenza (“flu”) vaccination she received on January 15, 2014 caused her to suffer from a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”).

On January 30, 2015, Respondent filed a report pursuant to Vaccine Rule 4(c) in which she concedes that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Specifically, Respondent agrees that Petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with SIRVA. Based on a review of the

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002 § 205, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 (2006). In accordance with the Vaccine Rules, each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Further, consistent with the rule requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within the requirements of that provision, such material will be deleted from public access.

² The Program comprises Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 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 records, Respondent concludes that Petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act.

A special master may determine whether a petitioner is entitled to compensation based upon the record. A hearing is not required. §300aa-13; Vaccine Rule 8(d). In light of Respondent's concession and a review of the record, the undersigned finds that Petitioner is entitled to compensation. This matter shall now proceed to the damages phase.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Special Master