

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-1085V

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CAROL ENNIS,

Petitioner,

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;  
Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccination; Shoulder  
Injury Related to Vaccine Administration  
 (“SIRVA”); Special Processing Unit  
 (“SPU”)

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*Robert Paul Coleman, III, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

**RULING ON ENTITLEMENT**<sup>1</sup>

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On September 28, 2015, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,<sup>2</sup> [the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”]. Petitioner alleges that her September 9, 2014 influenza vaccination caused her to suffer from shoulder injuries. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On December 11, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent “has concluded that a preponderance of the evidence established that petitioner’s injury is consistent with shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (‘SIRVA’),” and “is compensable as a ‘caused-in-fact’ injury under the Vaccine Act.” *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that petitioner’s claim was timely filed, and involved a vaccination received in the United States and covered by the

<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website,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), 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, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

<sup>2</sup> 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 (2012).

Vaccine Injury Table. *Id. at 5.* Respondent also agrees that petitioner has suffered from her condition from more than six months, and that the petition indicates that petitioner has received no prior compensation, award, or settlement for her injury. *Id.*

**In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**  
Nora Beth Dorsey  
Chief Special Master