

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-1215V

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CHRISTINA MARSHALL,

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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Jennifer Reynaud, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On October 16, 2015, petitioner 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 a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") resulting from the influenza vaccination she received on October 6, 2014. Petition at ¶¶ 2, 18, 20. She further alleges that she has suffered her injuries for more than six months and neither she nor any other party has brought an action or received compensation for her injury alleged as vaccine caused. *Id.* at ¶¶ 17, 19, 21, 22. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On March 3, 2016, 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

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website,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 (2012)). 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.

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 (2012).

at 1. Specifically, respondent “believes that petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) . . . [and] agrees that petitioner’s claim satisfies the *Althen* requirements and that her alleged injury was caused-in-fact by a vaccination.” Id. at 4. Respondent further agrees that “petitioner has met the statutory requirements by suffering the residual effects of her condition for more than six months . . . [and] has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act.” Id. (citations omitted).

In view of respondent’s concession and the evidence before me, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master