

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-0285V

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ANIBAL PINTO,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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

Maximillian J. Muller, Muller Brazil, LLP, Dresher, PA, for petitioner.

Ann D. Martin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On February 29, 2016, Anibal Pinto (“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 injuries to her left shoulder as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccination received on January 13, 2015. Pet. at 1-4. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit (“SPU”) of the Office of Special Masters.

On November 17, 2016, respondent filed a Rule 4(c) Report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Rule 4(c) Rep. at 1. Specifically, respondent stated that petitioner’s left shoulder injury is consistent with a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”), and that it was caused in fact by the flu vaccine she received on January 13, 2015. *Id.* at 4. Respondent further

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website,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. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012)(Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). 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).

stated that she did not identify any other causes for petitioner's left shoulder injury, and petitioner's records demonstrate that she has suffered the residual effects of her condition for more than six months. *Id.* Therefore, based on the record as it now stands, petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Vaccine Act. *Id.*

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master