

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-1061V

Filed: April 3, 2017

UNPUBLISHED

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WILLIAM STAAK, JR.,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Damages Decision Based on Proffer;  
Influenza Vaccine ("Flu Vaccine");  
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine  
Administration ("SIRVA");  
Special Processing Unit ("SPU")

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Sarah C. Duncan, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

### **DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES<sup>1</sup>**

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On August 25, 2016, William Staak, Jr. ("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 within two hours of the influenza vaccination on September 29, 2015, he developed severe left shoulder pain and that his injuries were caused by the influenza vaccination. Petition at 1, ¶¶ 5, 6, 14. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On February 17, 2017, the undersigned issued a ruling on entitlement, finding petitioner entitled to compensation. (ECF No. 17). On April 3, 2017, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating petitioner should be awarded

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<sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website,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.

<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).

\$55,000.00. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **the undersigned awards petitioner a lump sum payment of \$55,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, William Staak, Jr.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 300aa-15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**

Nora Beth Dorsey  
Chief Special Master

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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## **I. Items of Compensation**

## II. Form of the Award

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