

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 17-117V

Filed: November 8, 2017

UNPUBLISHED

HARRIET PAUL,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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

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*Daniel Anthony Principato, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

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

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

On January 26, 2017, 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”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered from a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) following an influenza (“flu”) vaccination on November 20, 2015. Petition at 1-3. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On August 31, 2017, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for a SIRVA. On November 7, 2017, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating petitioner should be awarded \$75,595.05.

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 Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims'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

Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award. 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 \$75,595.05 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Harriet Paul.** 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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HUMAN SERVICES,	)	
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## I. Items of Compensation

## II. Form of the Award

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

<sup>1</sup> Should Petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, Respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future pain and suffering, and future lost wages.

Respectfully submitted,

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