

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 17-0890V

Filed: May 23, 2018

UNPUBLISHED

JACKIE DWAYNE DAMRON, as
Administrator of the Estate of JACK
DAMRON, Deceased,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza (Flu) Vaccine; Guillain-
Barre Syndrome (GBS)

William E. Cochran, Jr., Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffee, P.C., Memphis, TN, for petitioner.

Kathryn Ann Robinette, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On June 29, 2017, 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”). Petitioner alleges that his deceased father, Jack Damron, suffered the table injury of the Guillain-Barré Syndrome (“GBS”) after receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On April 23, 2018, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation. On May 23, 2018, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims'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

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).

("Proffer") indicating petitioner should be awarded \$358,190.88. 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 \$358,190.88 in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Jackie Dwayne Damron, as Administrator of the Estate of Jack Damron, Deceased.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 15(a).

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ 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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deceased,)	
)	No. 17-890
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN)	
SERVICES,)	
Respondent.)	
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On April 23, 2018, respondent filed a Rule 4(c) report conceding petitioner’s entitlement to compensation in this case. On April 23, 2018, the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding that petitioner was entitled to vaccine compensation for her deceased father’s Guillain-Barre Syndrome (“GBS”).

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$ 358,190.88, which represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$ 358,190.88, in the form of a check payable to petitioner. Petitioner agrees.

Respectfully submitted,

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