In the United States Court of Federal Claims OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS No. 18-1831V

UNPUBLISHED

JADYN ROYLANCE,

Petitioner,

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: February 25, 2020

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Damages Decision Based on Proffer; Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine; Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA)

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Traci R. Patton, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On November 29, 2018, Jadyn Roylance 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 she suffered the Table Injury of SIRVA, standing for shoulder injury related to vaccine administration or a SIRVA which was caused in fact by the second Gardasil³ vaccine she received on January 12, 2017. Petition at 2, 5. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in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). This means the decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet. 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, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I 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).

³ Gardasil is the name of the Human Papillomavirus 9-valent ("HPV") vaccine manufactured by Merck. *See <u>https://www.gardasil9.com</u>* (last visited Aug. 22, 2019).

On August 22, 2019, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. On February 25, 2020, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation ("Proffer") indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$103,891.57, representing compensation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for her pain and suffering and in the amount of \$3,891.57 for her past out-of-pocket medical expenses. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$103,891.57, representing compensation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for her pain and suffering and in the amount of \$3,891.57 for her actual unreimbursable expenses in the form of a check payable to Petitioner. 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.⁴

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran Chief Special Master

⁴ 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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RESPONDENT'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

I. <u>Items of Compensation</u>

On August 16, 2019, respondent conceded that entitlement to compensation was appropriate under the terms of the Vaccine Act. Chief Special Master Dorsey issued a Ruling on Entitlement on August 22, 2019, finding that petitioner was entitled to vaccine compensation for her left-sided shoulder injury. Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$103,891.57. The award is comprised of the following: \$100,000.00 for pain and suffering and \$3,891.57 for past out of pocket medical expenses. This amount represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of **\$103,891.57**, in the form of a check payable to petitioner.¹ Petitioner agrees.

¹ 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 lost earnings and future pain and suffering.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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