In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 21-2217V

UNPUBLISHED

ARILYANNE VELAZQUEZ and MELVIN JONES, on behalf of their minor child, L.J.,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: August 25, 2022

Withdrawal of petition; Order concluding proceedings

ORDER CONCLUDING PROCEEDINGS[1]

On November 29, 2021, Arilyanne Velazquez and Melvin Jones filed a petition for compensation on behalf of their minor child, L.J., under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa—10 through 34.[2] Petitioners alleged that L.J. suffered injuries after receiving a human papillomavirus vaccination on November 26, 2018. ECF No. 1.

Because a decision had not been issued within the time specified in Vaccine Rule 10(b), a notice issued advising that "that the petitioner may withdraw the petition under section 300aa—21(b) of this title or the petitioner may choose under section 300aa—21(b) of this title to have the petition remain before the special master." 42 U.S.C. § 300aa—12(g). On August 24, 2022, Petitioners timely filed a notice to withdraw the petition pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa—21(b).

In light of Petitioners' election to withdraw the petition pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa—21(b) (promulgated as Vaccine Rule 10(d)), Petitioners' request to withdraw the petition is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, **this Order hereby notifies the Clerk of Court that proceedings "on the merits" of this petition are now concluded, but no judgment "on the merits" should be entered by the Clerk's Office.**

[1] Although I have not formally designated this Order for publication, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website because it contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, 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 Order 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran
Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master