

In the United States Court of Federal Claims  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS  
No. 11-640V  
(Not to be published)

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THOMAS TAYLOR, \*  
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                    Petitioner, \*  
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                    v. \*  
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND \*  
HUMAN SERVICES \*  
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                    Respondent. \*  
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Filed: September 25, 2013

Decision on Attorneys’  
Fees and Costs

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**DECISION<sup>1</sup> (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)**

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,<sup>2</sup> Special Master Hamilton-Fieldman issued a decision on May 22, 2013. On September 24, 2013, the parties filed a stipulation concerning attorney’s fees and costs in this matter. The parties’ stipulation requests a total payment of \$32,361.01, representing attorney’s fees and costs. In accordance with General Order #9, the stipulation also includes a statement that Petitioner requested \$146.85 in advanced reimbursable costs in pursuit of his claim, reflected in the aforementioned total payment requested.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems

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<sup>1</sup> The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, “the entire” decision will be available to the public. Id.

<sup>2</sup> The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$32,361.01, as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Ronald Homer. Additionally, I award the total of \$146.85 in the form of a check payable solely to Petitioner.**

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

/s/ Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman.  
Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman  
Special Master