

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 10-453 V

Filed: March 15, 2012

Not for Publication

CODY JACKSON,

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Petitioner,

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v.

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Damages Decision Based on
Stipulation; Meningococcal &
Hepatitis A Vaccines; HSP &
Glomerulonephritis; Attorneys'
Fees & Costs Decision Based on
Stipulation

David N. Damick, St. Louis, MO, for petitioner.
Althea W. Davis, Washington, DC, for respondent.

MILLMAN, Special Master

**DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES AND
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS¹**

On March 15, 2012, the parties filed the attached stipulation in which they agreed to settle this case and described the settlement terms. Petitioner alleges that he suffered from Henoch-Schonlein purpura (“HSP”) and glomerulonephritis following his meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccinations. Respondent denies that petitioner’s HSP and glomerulonephritis were caused in fact by his meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccinations. Nonetheless, the parties agreed to resolve this matter informally.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post this unpublished decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). Vaccine Rule 18(b) states that all decisions of the special masters will be made available to the public unless they contain trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged and confidential, or medical or similar information whose disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision is filed, petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact such information prior to the document’s disclosure. If the special master, upon review, agrees that the identified material fits within the banned categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access.

In the attached stipulation, the parties also agreed on an appropriate amount for attorneys' fees and costs. Pursuant to General Order #9, petitioner states that he did not incur any out-of-pocket litigation expenses to pursue the petition.

The court finds the terms to be reasonable, hereby adopts the parties' stipulation, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Pursuant to the stipulation, the court awards:

- a. A lump sum of **\$210,000.00**, representing compensation for damages. The award shall be in the form of a check payable to petitioner; and
- b. A lump sum of **\$30,263.85**, representing reimbursement for attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be in the form a check made payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, David N. Damick.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 15, 2012

s/ Laura D. Millman
Laura D. Millman
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH)	
AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. Cody Jackson, petitioner, filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 to 34 (the "Vaccine Program"). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to petitioner's receipt of the meningococcal vaccine, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3 (a).
2. Petitioner received meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccines on June 28, 2007.
3. The vaccinations were administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that he sustained the first symptom or manifestation of the onset of Henoch-Schonlein purpura ("HSP") and glomerulonephritis on or about July 24, 2007, and that he experienced the residual effects of this injury for more than six months.
5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on his behalf as a result of his condition.
6. Respondent denies that the meningococcal or hepatitis A vaccine caused petitioner's HSP or glomerulonephritis, or any other injury or his current disabilities.

7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.

8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payments:

a. A lump sum of \$210,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a); and

b. A lump sum of \$30,263.85 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, David N. Damick, for attorney's fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e), and in compliance with General Order #9, no out-of-pocket expenses were incurred by petitioner in proceeding on the petition.

9. Petitioner and his attorney represent that they have identified to respondent all known sources of payment for items or services for which the Program is not primarily liable under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), including State compensation programs, insurance policies, Federal or State health benefits programs (other than Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.)), or entities that provide health services on a prepaid basis.

10. Payments made pursuant to paragraph 8 of this Stipulation will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the availability of sufficient statutory funds.

11. The parties and their attorneys further agree and stipulate that, except for any award for attorney's fees and litigation costs, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be used solely for the benefit of petitioner as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g) and (h).

12. In return for the payments described in paragraph 8, petitioner, in his individual capacity, and on behalf of his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, does forever irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit and discharge the United States and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from any and all actions or causes of action (including agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature) that have been brought, could have been brought, or could be timely brought in the United States Court of Federal Claims, under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq., on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected personal injuries to or death of petitioner resulting from, or alleged to have resulted from, the meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccinations administered on June 28, 2007, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about July 12, 2010, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 10-453V.

13. If petitioner should die prior to entry of judgment, this agreement shall be voidable upon proper notice to the Court on behalf of either or both of the parties.

14. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation or if the United States Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this Stipulation shall be voidable at the sole discretion of either party.

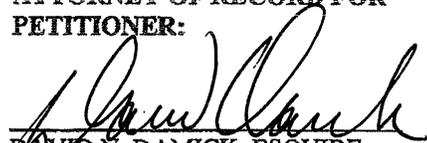
15. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete negotiated settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and

Respectfully submitted,

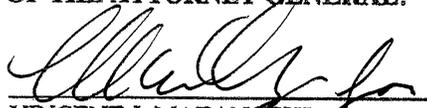
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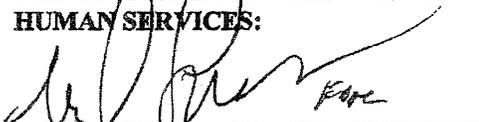
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