

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

JANE DOE/76,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 0[Redacted]V
Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: July 13, 2010
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Stipulation; influenza (flu) vaccine;
transverse myelitis.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION¹

Anne Carrion Toale, Esq., Maglio Christopher Toale & Pitts, Sarasota, FL, for Petitioner;
Katherine C. Esposito, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

On July 6, 2010, the parties filed a joint stipulation concerning the petition for compensation filed by petitioner on August 21, 2009. In her petition, petitioner alleged that the trivalent influenza (“flu”) vaccine, which is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table, 42 C.F.R. §100.3(a), and which she received on October 30, 2006, caused her to develop transverse myelitis.

Respondent denies that the flu vaccine caused petitioner’s transverse myelitis and residual effects.

Nevertheless, the parties agree to the joint stipulation, attached hereto as Appendix A. The undersigned finds said stipulation reasonable and adopts it as the decision of the Court in awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Damages awarded in that stipulation include:

- A. **A lump sum payment of \$125,000.00, in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).**

¹ After this decision was issued, Ms. Doe filed a motion to redact her name. This motion is GRANTED. See Vaccine Rule 18(b).

B. A lump sum of \$15,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Anne Carrion Toale, Esq., for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the clerk is directed to enter judgment in case [redacted]V according to this decision and the attached stipulation.

Any questions may be directed to my law clerk, Francina Segbefia, at (202) 357-6358.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran
Special Master

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STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. [REDACTED], 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 trivalent influenza ("flu") vaccine, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3 (a).
2. Petitioner received her flu immunization on October 30, 2006.
3. The vaccine was administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that her transverse myelitis is causally related to the flu vaccine she received.
5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages as a result of her condition.
6. Respondent denies that the flu vaccine caused petitioner's transverse myelitis and

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residual effects.

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 \$125,000.00 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);
- b. A lump sum of \$15,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Anne Carrion Toale, Esq., for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e). In compliance with General Order #9, no out-of-pocket expenses were incurred by petitioner in proceeding on the petition.

9. Petitioner and her 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 pre-paid 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 attorneys' fees and litigation costs, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be

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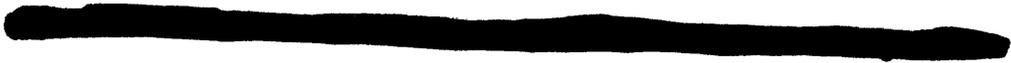
used solely for the benefit of petitioner as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g) and (h).

12. In return for the payments described in paragraph 8, petitioner, in her individual capacity on behalf of her heirs, executors, administrators, successors or 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 Court of Federal Claims, under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-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 influenza vaccination administered on October 30, 2006, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about August 21, 2009, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 09-555V.

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 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 to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and understand that the award described in this Stipulation may reflect a compromise of the parties' respective positions as to liability and/or amount of damages, and further, that a change in the nature of the injury or condition or in the items of compensation sought, is not grounds to modify or revise this agreement.

16. Petitioner hereby authorizes respondent to disclose documents filed by petitioner in this case consistent with the Privacy Act and the routine uses described in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program System of Records, No. 09-15-0056.

17. This Stipulation shall not be construed as an admission by the United States or the Secretary of Health and Human Services that the influenza vaccine caused petitioner's transverse myelitis, or that the vaccine caused her current disabilities.

18. All rights and obligations of petitioners hereunder shall apply equally to petitioner's heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns.

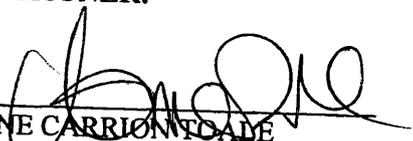
END OF STIPULATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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