

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

KATELYN SPEAKMAN, Individually, *

Petitioner, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

No. 10-552V
Special Master Christian J. Moran

Filed: April 8, 2013

Attorneys' fees and costs; stipulation of fact; award in the amount to which respondent has not objected

James Blumenstiel, Blumenstiel, Evans & Falvo, LLC, Columbus, OH, for Petitioner;
Voris Johnson, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

Petitioner, Katelyn Speakman, filed a stipulation of fact concerning final attorneys' fees and costs in the above-captioned matter on April 4, 2013. Previously, Ms. Speakman informally submitted a draft application for attorneys' fees and costs to respondent for review. Upon review of petitioner's application, respondent raised objections to certain items. Based on subsequent discussions, petitioner amended her application to request \$59,889.37, an amount to which respondent does not object. The Court awards this amount.

Ms. Speakman filed for compensation alleging that she was injured by the human papillomavirus ("HPV") vaccine she received on September 25, 2007. Although Ms. Speakman has yet to be awarded compensation, the parties indicated on March 19, 2013, that they have reached a tentative settlement.

Ms. Speakman seeks a total of **\$59,889.37** in attorneys' fees and costs for her counsel. Additionally, in compliance with General Order No. 9, Ms. Speakman states that she incurred no out-of-pocket litigation expenses while pursuing this claim. Respondent has no objection to the amount requested for attorneys' fees and costs.

¹ The E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002), requires that the Court post this decision on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

After reviewing the request, the court awards a check made payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney in the amount of **\$59,889.37** for attorneys' fees and other litigation costs. The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter.

The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Christian J. Moran
Christian J. Moran
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.