

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: November 21, 2005)

JOELL WILLIAMS,)	
mother and next friend of her son,)	
CALEB WILLIAMS,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	No. 03-2220V
)	DO NOT PUBLISH
SECRETARY OF)	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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**DECISION ON ATTORNEYS’ FEES, ATTORNEYS’ COSTS AND
PERSONAL EXPENSES¹**

Petitioner, Joell Williams (Ms. Williams), as next friend of her son, Caleb Williams (Caleb), seeks an award of \$39,579.36 in attorneys’ fees, attorneys’ costs and personal expenses as defined by General Order No. 9 for an action that she pursued successfully under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (Program).² See Petitioner’s Application for Fees and Costs (Fee Petition), filed November 17, 2005; Petitioner and Counsel Statement (Statement), filed November 17, 2005. The amount represents the sum of \$25,477.50 in attorneys’ fees, \$13,946.86 in attorneys’ costs and \$155.00 in personal expenses. See Fee Petition at 1. Respondent does not object apparently to Ms. Williams’s Fee Petition. See Fee Petition at 1.

¹ 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.*

² The statutory provisions governing the Vaccine Program are found in 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* For convenience, further reference will be to the relevant section of 42 U.S.C.

Ms. Williams received Program compensation. Therefore, the Act mandates the award of “reasonable attorneys’ fees” and “other costs.” § 300aa-15(e)(1). The special master has reviewed carefully Ms. Williams’s Fee Petition. He determines that the Fee Petition is appropriate. Thus, in the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of court shall enter judgment in Ms. Williams’s favor for \$39,579.36.³ The judgment shall provide that Ms. Williams’s attorney of record, Ronald C. Homer, Esq. (Mr. Homer), may collect \$39,424.36 from Ms. Williams.⁴

s/John F. Edwards
John F. Edwards
Special Master

³ Under Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review. Then, under Vaccine Rule 12(a), Ms. Williams may expedite payment by filing an election to accept the judgment.

⁴ \$39,579.36 - \$155.00 for Ms. Williams’s personal expenses.