

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 04-552V

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SEAN MCCARTHY, a minor, *
by his parents and natural guardians, *
JOHN MCCARTHY and *
MARY MCCARTHY, *

Petitioners, *

Autism; Attorneys' Fees and Costs

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES *

Respondent. *

DECISION AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS 1

On August 18, 2012, petitioners filed an Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Respondent's counsel conveyed to the court on August 31, 2012 that respondent has no objection to petitioners' request for fees and costs. Petitioners request \$6,005.16 for attorney fees and \$212.89 for attorney costs for a total amount of \$6,218.05 for attorney fees and costs. Petitioners' counsel indicated in his Application that he is not aware of any costs petitioners personally incurred that are compensable under § 15 (e)(1).

The request for attorneys' fees and costs is granted. Petitioners are awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to §§ 15(b) and (e)(1), as I find

1 Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I intend to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in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)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), a party has 14 days to identify and move to delete medical or other information, that satisfies the criteria in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B). Further, consistent with the rule requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within the requirements of that provision, I will delete such material from public access.

that the petition was brought in good faith and upon a reasonable basis, and the amounts requested are reasonable and appropriate.

Accordingly, I hereby award the **total of \$6,218.05**². The payment shall be a **lump sum of \$6, 218.05, in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners, and petitioners' counsel, Shoemaker & Associates, for attorney fees and costs.**

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.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Denise K. Vowell
Denise K. Vowell
Special Master

² This amount is intended to cover all legal expenses incurred in this matter. This award encompasses all charges by the attorney against a client, "advanced costs" as well as fees for legal services rendered. Furthermore, § 15(e)(3) prevents an attorney from charging or collecting fees (including costs) that would be in addition to the amount awarded herein. See generally Beck v. Sec'y of Dep't Health and Human Services, 924 F.2d 1029 (Fed. Cir.1991).

³ Entry of judgment can be expedited by each party's filing of a notice renouncing the right to seek review. See Vaccine Rule 11(a).