

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 09-0696V

Filed: April 26, 2011

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MAHER GIRGIS,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Joint Stipulation on Damages;
Influenza Vaccine;
Guillain-Barré Syndrome

F. John Caldwell, Jr., Sarasota, FL, for petitioner.

Glenn A. MacLeod, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION¹

On October 14, 2009, Maher Girgis (“petitioner”), filed a petition for compensation alleging that he suffered certain injuries as a result of receiving a vaccination. Among the injuries petitioner alleged that he has suffered as a result of receiving a trivalent influenza vaccination was Guillain-Barré syndrome. He sought an award under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, National Vaccine

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned’s action in this case, the undersigned intends 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, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). 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 a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or 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.

Injury Compensation Program² (the Act or the Program). 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006).

On April 25, 2011, counsel for both parties filed a stipulation, stating that a decision should be entered awarding compensation. The parties stipulated that petitioner shall receive the following compensation:

A lump sum of \$ 100,000.00 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) to which petitioner would be entitled

Stipulation ¶ 8(a).

The undersigned approves the requested amount for petitioner's compensation. Accordingly, an award should be made in the form of a check payable to petitioner in the amount of \$100,000.00. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Patricia E. Campbell-Smith
Patricia E. Campbell-Smith
Chief Special Master

² The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.