

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

No. 08-703V

Filed: June 22, 2009

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

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KRISTIE TAUER

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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\* Stipulation; Influenza Vaccine;  
\* Shortness of Breath; Generalized  
\* Weakness; Anxiety Disorder;  
\* Panic Attacks  
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**DECISION**<sup>1</sup>

On June 17, 2009, the parties to the above-captioned case filed a Stipulation memorializing their agreement as to the appropriate amount of compensation in this case. Petitioner alleges that she sustained vaccine-related injuries diagnosed as shortness of breath, generalized weakness, an anxiety disorder and panic attacks that were caused-in-fact by the trivalent influenza vaccine received on November 10, 2006. She further alleges that she experienced residual effects of these injuries for more than six months. Respondent denies that petitioner's injuries and alleged residual effects were caused-in-fact by the trivalent influenza vaccine. Nonetheless, the parties agreed informally to resolve this matter.

The court hereby **adopts** the parties' said Stipulation, attached hereto, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Specifically, petitioner is awarded a lump sum of **\$17,500.00** in the form of a check payable to petitioner. See Stipulation, para. 8, filed June 17, 2009. Additionally, petitioner is awarded a lump sum of **\$6,147.12 for attorney's fees and costs** in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's counsel, Anne Toale, Esq., of Maglio, Christopher & Toale law firm. Id. The Clerk of the Court is

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<sup>1</sup>The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims's 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 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.

directed to enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Chief Special Master

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<sup>2</sup>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.

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No. 08-703V (ECF)  
CHIEF SPECIAL MASTER  
GARY J. GOLKIEWICZ

STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. Kristie Tauer (“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 a trivalent influenza vaccine, which is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), 42 C.F.R. § 100.3(a).
2. Petitioner received a trivalent influenza vaccination on November 10, 2006.
3. The vaccine was administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that she sustained vaccine-related injuries diagnosed as shortness of breath, generalized weakness, an anxiety disorder and panic attacks (hereinafter “injuries”) that were caused-in-fact by the trivalent influenza vaccine. She further alleges that she experienced the residual effects of these injuries for more than six months.

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 petitioner's injuries and alleged residual effects were caused-in-fact by the trivalent influenza vaccine.

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 payments:

(a) a lump sum of \$17,500.00 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); and

(b) a lump sum of \$6,147.12 in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and her counsel, Anne Toale Esq., of Maglio, Christopher & Toale law firm, for all attorneys' fees and costs.

9. Any payment 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.

10. 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 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).

11. In return for the payments described in paragraph 8, petitioner, in her individual capacity and on behalf of her heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, does forever and fully expressly release, acquit and discharge the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States of America from any and all actions, causes of action, agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown personal injuries to, or death of, petitioner resulting from, or alleged to have resulted from, the trivalent influenza vaccination administered on November 10, 2006, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about October 3, 2008, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 08-703V.

12. If petitioner should die prior to receiving the payment described in paragraph 8 (a), this agreement shall be considered voidable upon proper notice to the Court on behalf of either or both of the parties.

13. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, or in the event 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 null and void at the sole discretion of either party.

14. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete settlement of liability and damages, including attorneys' fees and costs and petitioner's out-of-pocket expenses, claimed under the National Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended. There is absolutely

