

beginning at ten months of age. (Ex. 4, p.30) He began to manifest a global regression in development at twelve months of age, and on August 7, 2003, he received a diagnosis of autism. (Ex. 6, pp. 27-9.) Aiden's parents, Trevor and Michelle Anderson, have expressed their opinion that Aiden's symptoms of autism are associated with his vaccinations. (Ex. 10, p. 97.)

To receive compensation under the Program, the petitioners must prove either: 1) that Aiden suffered a "Table Injury"--*i.e.*, an injury falling within the Vaccine Injury Table--corresponding to one of his vaccinations, or 2) that Aiden suffered an injury that was actually caused by a vaccine. *See* 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-13(a)(1)(A) and 300aa-11(c)(1). In my examination of the filed medical records, however, I did not find in the record any evidence that Aiden suffered a "Table Injury." Further, the records do not contain a medical expert's opinion or any other evidence indicating that Aiden's condition was vaccine-caused. No physician expressed such an opinion in the records that I reviewed, and the petitioners have not pointed to any place in the records where any physician stated such an opinion.

In a motion filed February 17, 2011, petitioners requested that I rule upon the record as it now stands. Accordingly, I will now rule upon the record.

I am, of course, sympathetic to the fact that Aiden suffers from a very unfortunate medical condition. However, under the law I can authorize compensation only if a medical condition or injury either falls within one of the "Table Injury" categories, or is shown by medical records or competent medical opinion to be vaccine-caused. No such proof exists in the record before me. Accordingly, it is clear from the record in this case that petitioners have not demonstrated either that Aiden suffered a "Table Injury" or that his condition was "actually caused" by a vaccination. Therefore, I have no choice but to hereby DENY this claim. In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review of this decision (see Appendix B to the Rules of the Court), the Clerk shall enter judgment in accord with this decision.

George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master