

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 00-0753V
(Not to be published)

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JAMES GIFFELS and *
LISA WEAVER GIFFELS, *
parents of minor child, *
Keegan Rose Giffels, *
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 Petitioners, *
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 v. *
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES *
*
 Respondent. *

Filed: October 26, 2011

Autism; Decision on
Attorney’s Fees and Costs

DECISION¹ (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,² I issued a decision on June 25, 2011, dismissing this case. On October 18, 2011, the parties filed a stipulation concerning attorney’s fees and costs in this matter. The parties’ stipulation requests a total payment of \$5,846.64, representing \$1,093.95 in attorney’s fees and costs, and \$4,752.69 for costs incurred by petitioners in pursuit of their claim.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §

¹ 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, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). 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 applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amounts seem reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, I hereby award:

- A lump sum of 1,093.95, in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and petitioners' attorney, Scott W. Rooney.
- A lump sum of \$4,752.69, in the form of a check payable to petitioners.

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.

IT IS SO ORDERED

 /s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.
George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

