

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**  
**No. 03-1669V**  
**(Not to be published)**

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NATALIE MURPHY, parent of \*  
Joshua T. Murphy, a minor, \*  
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Filed: March 2, 2012

Autism; Decision on Costs

**DECISION<sup>1</sup> (COSTS)**

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,<sup>2</sup> I issued a decision on April 1, 2011, dismissing this case. On February 29, 2011, the parties filed a joint stipulation concerning petitioner’s litigation costs in this matter. The parties’ stipulation requests a total payment of \$424.58, representing all costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for petitioner’s litigation costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$428.58 as a lump sum, in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Natalie Murphy.**

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**

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George L. Hastings, Jr.  
Special Master