

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 09-423V

Filed: March 16, 2011

_____ RICKEY G. BUTTS,)	
)	NOT TO BE PUBLISHED
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Stipulation; trivalent influenza (flu)
)	vaccine; Guillain-Barre
SECRETARY OF)	Syndrome (GBS).
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

F. John Caldwell, Maglio, Christopher, Toale & Pitts, Sarasota, FL, for Petitioner;
Voris E. Johnson, United States Dep't of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

DECISION¹

LORD, Special Master.

On March 15, 2011, the parties in the above-captioned case filed a Stipulation memorializing their agreement as to the appropriate amount of compensation in this case. Petitioner, Rickey G. Butts, alleged that he subsequently suffered the injury Guillain Barre Syndrome ("GBS") that was caused in fact by his receipt of the trivalent influenza ("flu") vaccine that he received on October 9, 2008, which vaccine is contained in the Vaccine Injury Table, 42 C.F.R § 100.3(a). Mr. Butts further alleges that he experienced the residual effects of his injury for more than six months. Mr. Butts seeks compensation related to this injury pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10 to 34.

Respondent denies that Petitioner's alleged injury and residual effects were caused-in-fact by the flu vaccine. Nonetheless, the parties have agreed informally to resolve this matter.

The court hereby ADOPTS the parties' said Stipulation, attached hereto as Appendix A, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Specifically, Petitioner is awarded:

¹ As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request the redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is 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." Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims (RCFC), Appendix B, Vaccine Rule 18(b). In the absence of a timely objection, the entire document will be made publicly available.

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).

The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Dee Lord
Dee Lord
Special Master

² 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.