

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 99-430V
Filed: November 18, 2009**

ELIZABETH A. SANDERS, as Executor *
of the Estate of Ronnie D. Sanders, Sr., *

Petitioner, *

v. *

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES, *

Respondent. *

DECISION ON JOINT STIPULATION

Vowell, Special Master:

Ronald D. Sanders, Sr., filed a petition (Pet.) for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program¹ on July 2, 1999. Mr. Sanders died on September 9, 2006. In March 2007, Mr. Sanders' wife and executor of his estate, Elizabeth Sanders ("petitioner"), was substituted as petitioner. Petitioner alleges that Mr. Sanders sustained rheumatoid arthritis as a result of hepatitis B vaccinations received on January 27, 1994, and February 24, 1994. See Pet. at ¶¶2-3. Respondent denies that Mr. Sanders suffered an injury actually caused by his receipt of the hepatitis B vaccine and that his disabilities and death were sequelae of his alleged vaccine-related injury. Stipulation, filed November 18, 2009, at ¶ 6.

Nevertheless, the parties have agreed to settle the case. On November 18, 2009, the parties filed a [109] joint stipulation agreeing to settle this case and describing the settlement terms. Respondent agreed to pay petitioner:

A lump sum payment of **\$10,000** in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Elizabeth Sanders. This amount represents compensation for all damages that

¹ 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 a 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." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire decision" will be available to the public. *Id.*

would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a).

The special master adopts the parties' stipulation attached hereto, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Denise K. Vowell
Denise K. Vowell
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review.