

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 05-723V

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KRISTA SAWYERS, parent of Sarah Sawyers,
a minor,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES,

Respondent.

Vaccine Act Attorneys' Fees

DECISION (ATTORNEYS' FEES)

Hastings, *Special Master.*

Petitioner seeks an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this case filed under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. Respondent did not file an opposition thereto.

After reviewing the file, I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award of fees and costs is appropriate. Further, the amount of the request seems reasonable. Accordingly, I conclude that the amount requested, \$ 8,435.77, should be award to the petitioner, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1).

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review of this Decision (see Appendix B, Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims), the Clerk shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.

George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

¹This document will not be sent to electronic publishers as a formally "published" opinion. However, because this document contains a reasoned explanation for my action in this case, I intend to post this document on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). Therefore, 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, this entire document will be available to the public. *Id.* See also 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B).