

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 02-1452V

Filed: August 4, 2011¹

**ALLISON BELL and DAVID ALAN
BELL, parents of AIDEN BELL, a
minor,**

Petitioners,

v.

**SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

Respondent.

UNPUBLISHED DECISION

Petitioners' Motion for a Decision
Dismissing their Petition; Insufficient
Proof of Causation; Vaccine Act
Entitlement; Denial Without a
Hearing

David C. Richards, Salt Lake City, UT, for petitioners.

Linda Renzi, Washington, DC, for respondent.

DECISION²

¹ A decision was inadvertently filed in the electronic filing system on August 2, 2011. The issuance of this decision **SUPERCEDES** the previously issued decision because this is a paper case.

² Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal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)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), a party has 14 days to identify and move to delete medical or other information, that satisfies the criteria in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B). Further, consistent with the rule requirement, a motion for redaction must include a proposed redacted decision. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the

On October 21, 2002, petitioners filed a Short-Form Autism Petition for Vaccine Compensation in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (“the Program”).³ In effect, by use of the special “Short-Form” developed for use in the context of the Omnibus Autism Proceeding, the petition alleges that various vaccinations injured Aiden. The information in the record, however, does not show entitlement to an award under the Program.

On July 29, 2011, the petitioners moved for a decision on the merits of the petition, acknowledging that insufficient evidence exists to demonstrate entitlement to compensation.

To receive compensation under the Program, petitioners must prove either 1) that Aiden suffered a “Table Injury” – i.e., an injury falling within the Vaccine Injury Table – corresponding to one of Aiden’s vaccinations, or 2) that Aiden suffered an injury that was actually caused by a vaccine. See §§ 13(a)(1)(A) and 11(c)(1). Examination of the record does not disclose any evidence that Aiden suffered a “Table Injury.” Further, the record does not contain a medical expert’s opinion or any other persuasive evidence indicating that Aiden’s alleged injury was vaccine-caused.

Under the Vaccine Act, Petitioners may not be awarded compensation based on the petitioners’ claims alone. Rather, the petition must be supported by either the medical records or by a medical opinion. § 13 (a)(1). In this case, the record does not contain medical records or a medical opinion sufficient to demonstrate that the vaccinee was injured by a vaccine. For these reasons, in accordance with § 12(d)(3)(A), the **petitioners’ claim for compensation is denied and this case is dismissed for insufficient proof. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.**⁴

identified material fits within the requirements of that provision, such material will be deleted from public access.

³ The Program comprises Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* (hereinafter “Vaccine Act” or “the Act”). Hereafter, individual section references will be to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa of the Act.

⁴ If petitioners elect to file a Petition for Fees and Costs pursuant to §15(e), based on current case law petitioners will need to first establish proof of vaccination and the timely filing of their Petition for Vaccine Compensation, see

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Patricia E. Campbell-Smith
Chief Special Master

§§ 16(a)(2) and 16(b), prior to any award for attorneys' fees and costs being granted . See Brice v. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 358 F.3d 865, 869 (2004), citing Martin v. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 62 F.3d 1403, 1406 (1995).