

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

CARLIE CROWELL, *

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No. 10-190V

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Special Master Christian J. Moran

Petitioner, *

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v. *

Filed: November 22, 2011

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH *

Stipulation; tetanus-diphtheria-

AND HUMAN SERVICES, *

acellular pertussis; meningococcal

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conjugate; hepatitis A vaccine;

Respondent. *

brachial neuritis.

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UNPUBLISHED DECISION¹

Mark T. Sadaka, Sadaka Associates LLC, Englewood, NJ, for Petitioner;
Voris E. Johnson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

On November 21, 2011, the parties filed a joint stipulation concerning the petition for compensation filed by Carlie Crowell on March 30, 2010. In her petition, the petitioner alleged that the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (“Tdap”), meningococcal conjugate, and hepatitis A vaccines, which vaccines are contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), 42 C.F.R. §100.3(a), and which petitioner received on or about December 21, 2007, caused petitioner to suffer the injury brachial neuritis, or significantly aggravated this injury, the effects of which lasted for more than six months.

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the special master's action in this case, the special master intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims's website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002).

All decisions of the special masters will be made available to the public unless they contain trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged and confidential, or medical or similar information whose disclosure would clearly be an unwarranted invasion of privacy. When such a decision or designated substantive order is filed, the person submitting the information has 14 days to identify and to move to delete such information before the document’s disclosure. If the special master agrees that the identified material fits within the categories listed above, the special master shall redact such material from public access. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(B); Vaccine Rule 18(b).

Respondent denies that the Gardasil, Tdap, meningococcal or hepatitis A vaccines either caused or significantly aggravated petitioner's alleged injury and residual effects.

Nevertheless, the parties agree to the joint stipulation, attached hereto as Appendix A. The undersigned finds said stipulation reasonable and adopts it as the decision of the Court in awarding damages, on the terms set forth therein.

Damages awarded in that stipulation include:

- A. A lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 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); and**

- B. A lump sum payment of \$32,500.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Mark T. Sadaka of Sadaka Associates, LLC, for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(a), and, in compliance with General Order #9, no out-of-pocket expenses were incurred by petitioner in proceeding on the petition.**

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the clerk is directed to enter judgment in case 10-190V according to this decision and the attached stipulation.

Any questions may be directed to my law clerk, Jennifer C. Chapman, at (202) 357-6358.
IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran
Special Master

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AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
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Respondent.)	
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STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

1. Carlie Crowell (“petitioner”) filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 to -34 (the “Vaccine Program”). The petition, as presently amended, seeks compensation for injuries sustained following petitioner’s receipt of tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (“Tdap”), meningococcal conjugate and hepatitis A vaccines, which vaccines are contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the “Table”), 42 C.F.R. §100.3(a).
2. Petitioner received human papillomavirus (“HPV” or “Gardasil”) vaccinations on November 9, 2006, January 9, 2007, and May 16, 2007, and Tdap, meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccines on December 21, 2007.
3. The vaccines were administered within the United States.
4. Petitioner alleges that she subsequently suffered the injury brachial neuritis, which petitioner currently alleges was either caused-in-fact or significantly aggravated by her receipt of the Tdap, meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccines. Petitioner further alleges that she

experienced the residual effects of her injury for more than six months.

5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages as a result of her condition.

6. Respondent denies that the Gardasil, Tdap, meningococcal or hepatitis A vaccines either caused or significantly aggravated petitioner's alleged injury and residual effects.

7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.

8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payments:

- a. A lump sum of \$25,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for pain and suffering damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a); and,
- b. A lump sum of \$32,500.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Mark T. Sadaka of Sadaka Associates, LLC, for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e), and, in compliance with General Order #9, no out-of-pocket expenses were incurred by petitioner in proceeding on the petition.

9. Petitioner and her attorney represent that compensation to be provided pursuant to this Stipulation is not for any items or services for which the Program is not primarily liable under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g), to the extent that payment has been made or can reasonably be expected to be made under any State compensation programs, insurance policies, Federal or State health benefits programs (other than Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et

seq.), or by entities that provide health services on a pre-paid basis.

10. Payments made pursuant to paragraph 8(a) and (b) of this Stipulation will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the availability of sufficient statutory funds.

11. The parties and their attorneys further agree and stipulate that, except for any award for attorneys' fees and litigation costs, the money provided pursuant to this Stipulation will be used solely for the benefit of petitioner, as contemplated by a strict construction of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) and (d), and subject to the conditions of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(g) and (h).

12. In return for the payments described in paragraph 8(a) and (b), petitioner, in her individual capacity and on behalf of her heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, does forever irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit and discharge the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States of America from any and all actions or causes of action (including agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature) that have been brought, could have been brought, or could be timely brought in the Court of Federal Claims, under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 et seq., on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected personal injuries to, or death of, petitioner resulting from, or alleged to have resulted from, Gardasil vaccines administered on November 9, 2006, January 9, 2007, and May 16, 2007, and Tdap, meningococcal and hepatitis A vaccines administered on December 21, 2007, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about March 30, 2010, and later amended on or about September 19, 2011, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 10-190V.

13. If petitioner should die prior to entry of the judgment, this agreement shall be voidable upon proper notice to the Court on behalf of either or both of the parties.

14. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, or if the Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this Stipulation shall be voidable at the sole discretion of either party.

15. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete negotiated settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to. The parties further agree and understand that the award described in this Stipulation may reflect a compromise of the parties' respective positions as to liability and/or amount of damages, and further, that a change in the nature of the injury or condition or in the items of compensation sought, is not grounds to modify or revise this agreement.

16. This Stipulation shall not be construed as an admission by the United States of America or the Secretary of Health and Human Services that petitioner's alleged injury and residual effects were caused-in-fact or significantly aggravated by the Gardasil, Tdap, meningococcal or hepatitis A vaccines.

17. All rights and obligations of petitioner hereunder shall apply equally to petitioner's heirs, successors and/or assigns.

END OF STIPULATION

Respectfully submitted,

PETITIONER:



CARLIE CROWELL

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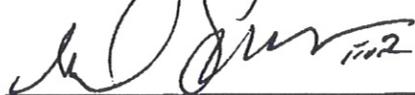
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