In the United States Court of Federal Claims ORIGINAL

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS (Filed: March 20, 2007)

IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE INJURIES RESULTING IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR A SIMILAR NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER

VARIOUS PETITIONERS,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

An unrecorded telephonic status conference was held on March 16, 2007. Thomas Powers and Kevin Conway participated on behalf of the Petitioners' Steering Committee (PSC), while Vincent Matanoski represented respondent. Scott Winkelman and Jennifer Burdman participated in part of the conference, on behalf of the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), with respect to the pending "Motion to Compel." Pursuant to discussion at the conference, we hereby confirm the following deadlines:

- 1. Concerning the pending motion to compel, the respondent and the MCOs may each file a reply memorandum by March 26, 2007. The PSC, if it so desires, may file a reply thereto by April 5, 2007.
- 2. The PSC's time for designating the second and third "test cases" regarding the PSC's first "general causation theory" is hereby extended until March 30, 2007. The time for filing the petitioners' expert reports in each of those two cases is hereby extended until April 30, 2007.

3. The due date for the respondent's brief concerning "access" to the June hearing in the <u>Cedillo</u> case is hereby extended until April 3, 2007. The Cedillos will have until April 17, 2007, in which to file a reply thereto. (The briefs for both sides shall be filed into the records of <u>both</u> the <u>Cedillo</u> case and the Omnibus Autism Proceeding.)

Patricia Campbell-Smith

Special Master

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