

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: SULZER HIP PROSTHESIS)	Civil Action No.: 01-CV-9000
AND KNEE PROSTHESIS PRODUCT)	
LIABILITY LITIGATION)	ALL CASES
)	
<i>This document relates to:</i>)	(MDL No. 1401)
<i>David Edgerton</i>)	
)	Judge Kathleen M. O'Malley

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER DETERMINATION

Class Member David Edgerton, by and through his attorney James Richard Hooper, Esq. (“Appellant), appealed the decision of the Claims Administrator (“Appellee”) in rendering a Final Determination dated January 21, 2004 on Appellant’s claim for Extraordinary Injury Fund (“EIF”) benefits from the Sulzer Settlement Trust.

Appellant appealed the decision of the Appellee, and contends that Appellee erred in his decision to deny Appellant’s claim for EIF benefits.

The factual findings of this matter are as follows:

1. Appellant submitted a claim for EIF Matrix Level IV and V benefits.
2. Appellee issued Preliminary and Final Determinations that Appellant was not eligible for EIF benefits because his associated Orange Form had not been filed before the deadline prescribed by the Settlement Agreement.

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After a thorough review of the appeal submitted by the Appellant and the response submitted by the Appellee, the Special Master finds as follows:

The Special Master shall review Final Determinations only for an abuse of discretion by the Appellee, Claims Administrator.

The Federal District Court has explained the importance of the deadlines prescribed in the Settlement Agreement [*In re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Product Liability Litigation*, 01-CV-9000 at 1 through 20 (N.D.O. February 6, 2004) (Docket #1714)].

The Green Form itself specifically states “A timely *Blue* or *Orange Form* (whichever appropriate) must have been completed in addition to this EIF Benefits Form (*Green Form*).”

The appeal regarding the tardiness of Appellant’s Orange Form was decided by the Special Master on September 9, 2003, an Order affirming that decision was entered October 9, 2003, and that issue cannot be appealed further.

Since Appellant did not file a timely Orange Form, as required by the Settlement Agreement, Appellee did not abuse his discretion in denying his claim for EIF benefits.

By order of the Special Master, Appellee’s Final Determination of ineligibility for Appellant’s EIF claim is hereby AFFIRMED.

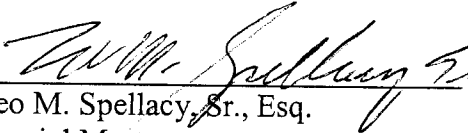
Appellant and Appellee have fifteen days from the date of this decision to submit a fact or principle they believe the Special Master did not consider in rendering a decision. **Such submissions may not be more than three pages in length. Exhibits are not to be attached to any such submission and will not be considered. Submissions are to be mailed to the following address:**

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Special Master to the Sulzer Settlement Trust
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If no response is received (postmarked) by JUN 11 2004, then the Special Master’s Decision is final and may not be further contested or appealed.

MAY 27 2004

Date


Leo M. Spellacy, Sr., Esq.
Special Master