

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: SULZER HIP PROSTHESIS
AND KNEE PROSTHESIS PRODUCT
LIABILITY LITIGATION

*This document relates to:
Georgia A. Steele*

) Civil Action No.: 01-CV-9000
)
) ALL CASES
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) (MDL No. 1401)
)
) Judge Kathleen M. O'Malley

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER DETERMINATION

Class Member Georgia A. Steele ("Appellant"), appealed the decision of the Claims Administrator ("Appellee") in rendering a Final Determination dated July 15, 2003 on Appellant's claim for benefits from the Sulzer Settlement Trust.

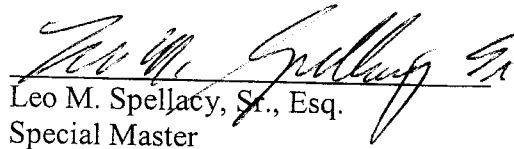
After a review of the appeal submitted by the Appellant, the Special Master finds as follows:

The Settlement Agreement requires that a Notice of Appeal be filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio *within 30 days of the issuance of an adverse Final Determination*. An appeal requesting reconsideration of a Final Determination dated July 15, 2003 was required to have been filed with the Court on or before August 14, 2003. Appellant submitted a letter appealing her Final Determination to the Special Master on June 30, 2004.

Because this appeal was not filed with the Court within the timeframe prescribed by the Settlement Agreement, it is hereby DISMISSED, and Appellee's July 15, 2003 Final Determination of ineligibility for Appellant's claim for benefits is final and may not be further contested or appealed.

JUL 16 2004

Date


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Special Master