

HOW ASTHMA IS RATED

DC 6602 provides alternative criteria. Meeting one listed criterion can support that level.

FEV1 FLOW FVC 6602

DC 6602 RATING LADDER

ANY LISTED CRITERION

100%

Severe pulmonary function or treatment

FEV-1 or ratio below 40 percent, qualifying respiratory-failure attacks, or daily systemic high-dose corticosteroids or immunosuppressive medication.

60%

Marked limitation or repeated escalation

FEV-1 or ratio from 40 to 55 percent, monthly physician visits for required exacerbation care, or at least three systemic steroid courses per year.

30%

Moderate limitation or daily control

FEV-1 or ratio from 56 to 70 percent, daily inhalational or oral bronchodilator therapy, or inhalational anti-inflammatory medication.

10%

Mild limitation or intermittent control

FEV-1 or ratio from 71 to 80 percent, or intermittent inhalational or oral bronchodilator therapy.

