

READING FEV-1 AND FEV-1/FVC

Know which spirometry values the decision used and whether the report clearly identifies them.

FEV1 FLOW FVC 6602

RESPIRATORY FIELD NOTES

VERIFY EACH ROUTE

FEV-1	First-second volume The percentage of predicted air forcibly exhaled in the first second.	RATIO	FEV-1 divided by FVC The first-second volume compared with the total forced vital capacity.
PRE/POST	Before and after bronchodilator The report should label both sets clearly. VA applies the respiratory-testing rules in section 4.96.	WHY	Decision explanation The rating decision should identify the value used and explain why it supports the assigned level.

DLCO is not a listed DC 6602 asthma criterion. Do not substitute criteria from COPD or other respiratory codes.

