

SECONDARY SERVICE CONNECTION

The medical question is causation or aggravation by an already service-connected disability.

FEV1 FLOW FVC 6602

RESPIRATORY FIELD NOTES

VERIFY EACH ROUTE

PRIMARY

Identify the primary disability

State the exact service-connected condition and its treatment.

MECHANISM

Explain the mechanism

A reasoned opinion should explain how the condition or treatment caused or worsened asthma.

BASELINE

Address aggravation

When aggravation is claimed, document baseline severity and the additional impairment when possible.

OVERLAP

Avoid association-only claims

A statistical association alone does not establish the direction or facts of causation in an individual case.

