

ASTHMA SERVICE-CONNECTION PATHS

Choose the route supported by the record rather than forcing every claim into the same theory.

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RESPIRATORY FIELD NOTES

VERIFY EACH ROUTE

DIRECT

Direct

Current asthma, an in-service disease, symptoms, or exposure, and competent evidence connecting them.

PACT

Presumptive

Qualifying service plus asthma diagnosed after service can invoke the toxic-exposure presumption.

SECONDARY

Secondary

A service-connected disability caused or aggravated asthma, supported by a reasoned medical explanation.

AGGRAVATION

Worsening

For secondary aggravation, identify any increase in asthma severity caused by the service-connected condition or its treatment. Address baseline severity when required.

