

GERD CLAIM CHECKLIST

Confirm the connection theory and the current DC 7206 evidence before filing.



PRE-FILING CHECK

VERIFY EACH ITEM

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| ✓ Current GERD or esophageal diagnosis | ✓ Direct, secondary, aggravation, or medication theory identified |
| ✓ Service-connected primary condition confirmed when secondary | ✓ Medical nexus addresses the individual record |
| ✓ Barium swallow, CT, or EGD records collected | ✓ Dilatation and procedure dates verified |
| ✓ Dysphagia and nutritional effects documented | ✓ Old and current rating periods separated when relevant |

