

HOW GERD IS RATED

Current DC 7206 uses documented esophageal stricture and treatment findings, not heartburn severity alone.



CURRENT RATING LADDER

38 CFR 4.114

80%	Severe complications plus surgery or PEG Recurrent or refractory stricture causing dysphagia, with aspiration, undernutrition, or substantial weight loss, plus surgical correction or a PEG tube.
50%	Frequent or advanced intervention Recurrent or refractory stricture causing dysphagia with at least 3 dilatations yearly, steroid dilatation, or a stent.
30%	Dilatation up to twice yearly Recurrent stricture causing dysphagia that requires dilatation no more than 2 times per year.
10%	Daily medication controls dysphagia Documented stricture requires daily medication to control dysphagia and is otherwise asymptomatic.
0%	Documented history No daily symptoms and no daily medication requirement.

Note 1 requires findings documented by barium swallow, CT, or EGD.

