

GERD SERVICE CONNECTION PATHWAYS

Identify the exact theory and build evidence for that path.



WHAT TO DOCUMENT

DIGESTIVE CLAIM FILE

DIRECT	Onset or event in service Use service records, symptoms, treatment, continuity, and a medical explanation.	SECONDARY	Caused by another disability Identify the service-connected primary condition and explain the medical mechanism.
AGGRAVATED	Worsened by another disability Show the service-connected condition caused measurable worsening beyond natural progression.	MEDICATION	Treatment-related theory Document the prescribed drug, duration, indication, symptom timeline, and medical link.

