



MIGRAINE CLAIMS

MIGRAINE SERVICE CONNECTION PATHWAYS

A calibrated guide to service connection, attack documentation, and the DC 8100 rating criteria.



CLINICAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

DIRECT

DIRECT SERVICE CONNECTION

Current disability, in-service disease or event, and a supported medical relationship.

CHRONIC

CHRONIC-DISEASE OR CONTINUITY THEORY

When the legal requirements apply, in-service notation and credible continuity can support service connection.

SECONDARY

SECONDARY CAUSATION

A service-connected disability causes the migraine condition.

AGGRAVATION

SECONDARY AGGRAVATION

A service-connected disability worsens migraine beyond its baseline severity.

Apply the current regulation and case law to the individual record. Attack frequency, severity, duration, and functional impact should be documented accurately and consistently.

