

DC 6847 SECONDARY TO DC 9411

SLEEP APNEA SECONDARY TO PTSD

What the Board record shows, what the claim must prove, and where the medical nexus fits

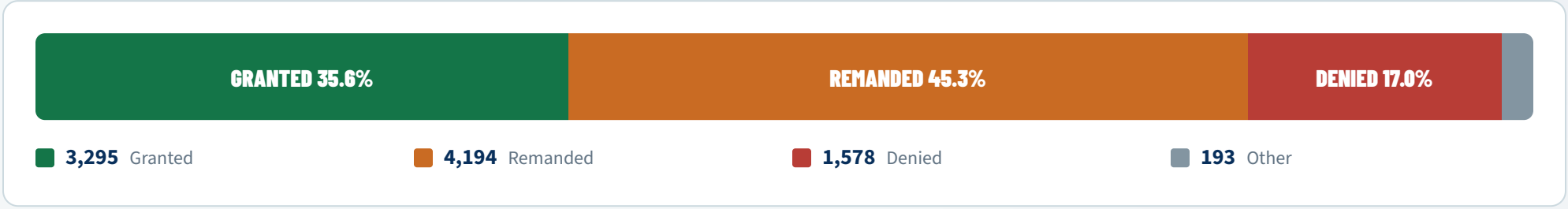
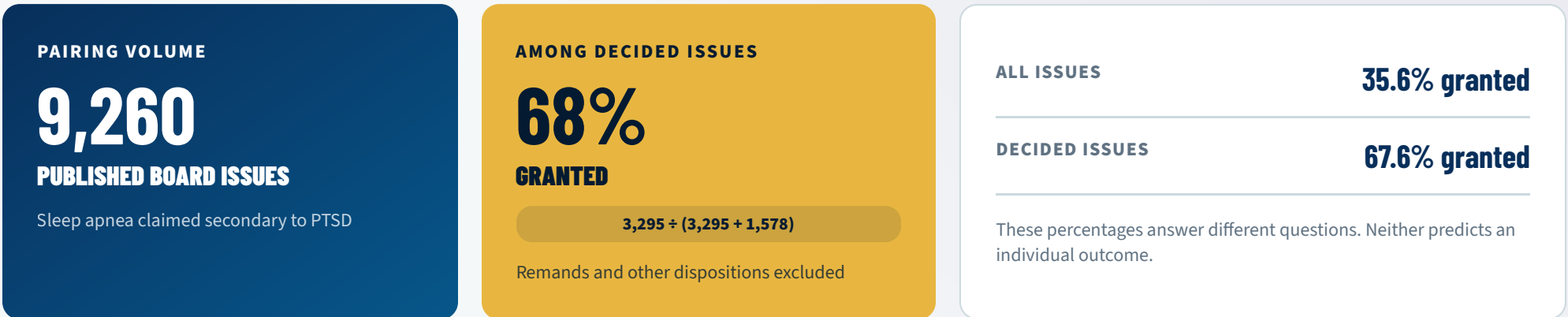


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THE PUBLISHED BOARD RECORD

Issue-level outcomes for this exact pairing

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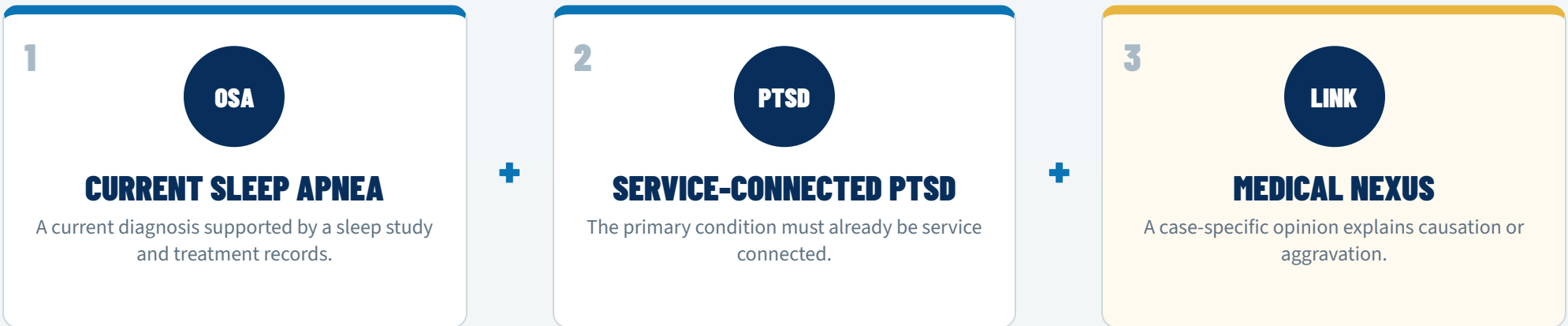


THE LARGEST OUTCOME WAS REMAND. A remand sends the issue back for more development. It is not a grant or a denial.

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THREE ELEMENTS THE CLAIM MUST ESTABLISH

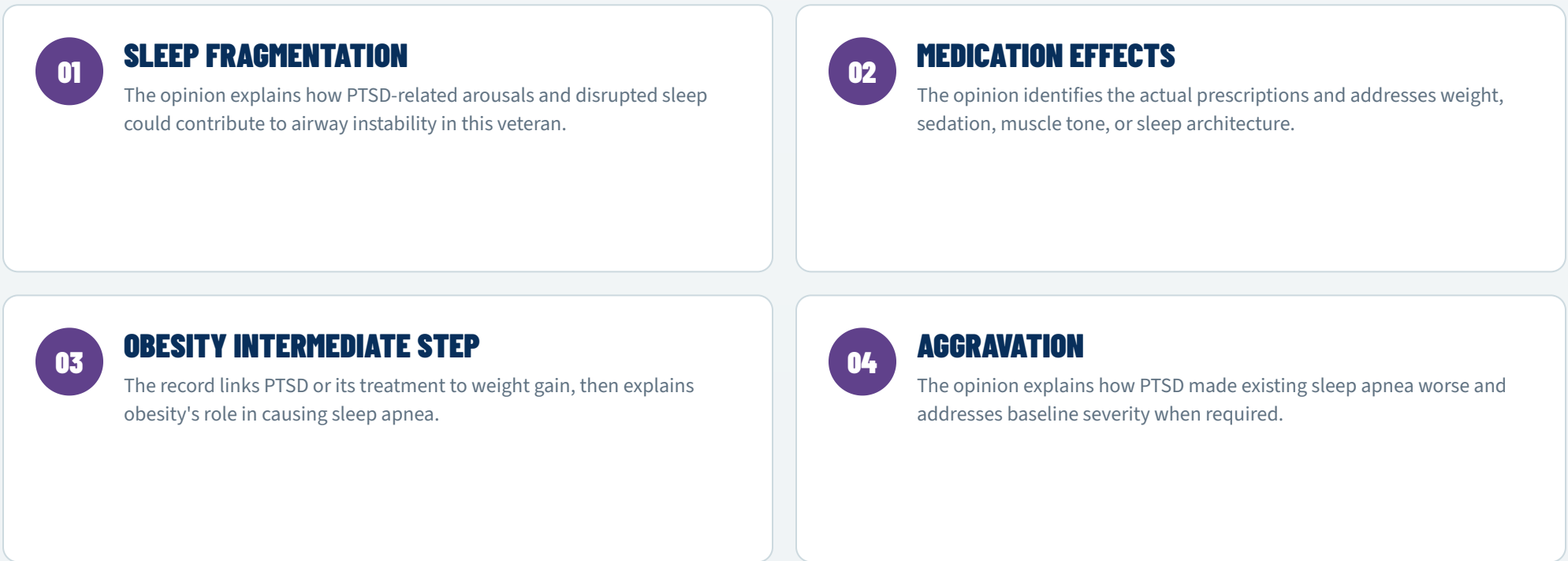
The pairing alone does not create service connection



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THE NEXUS MUST NAME THE ACTUAL PATHWAY

Mechanisms discussed in favorable Board records and supporting opinions



ASSOCIATION IS NOT AUTOMATIC CAUSATION. General studies can support an opinion, but the opinion must apply the literature to the veteran's records, timeline, and competing risk factors.

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HOW CLASSIFIED GRANTS WERE FRAMED

Caused versus aggravated findings within granted issues

