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SLEEP APNEA GRANT RATE BY CLAIM THEORY

Granted divided by granted plus denied within each classified legal theory

43,101
CLASSIFIED
ISSUES

43,101

CLASSIFIED ISSUES

7

THEORIES SHOWN

100%

AXIS CEILING

September 23, 2026

DATA BUILD

GRANT RATE WITHIN THEORY

DECIDED CLASSIFIED ISSUES

0 TO 100% AXIS

Direct service connection



49.9%

11,457 grants of 22,975

Secondary



60.9%

8,358 grants of 13,717

Rating increase



24.9%

661 grants of 2,659

Effective date



42.4%

726 grants of 1,713

Presumptive (exposure)



15.4%

183 grants of 1,185

Aggravation



74.7%

550 grants of 736

CUE



35.3%

41 grants of 116

Theory groups can differ in facts, era, evidence, and legal availability. A higher historical rate does not make a theory applicable to another case.

