

ASTHMA SERVICE-CONNECTION PATHS

Choose the route supported by the record rather than forcing every claim into the same theory.

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RESPIRATORY FIELD NOTES

VERIFY EACH ROUTE

DIRECT	Direct Current asthma, an in-service disease, symptoms, or exposure, and competent evidence connecting them.	PACT	Presumptive Qualifying service plus asthma diagnosed after service can invoke the toxic-exposure presumption.
SECONDARY	Secondary A service-connected disability caused or aggravated asthma, supported by a reasoned medical explanation.	AGGRAVATION	Worsening For secondary aggravation, identify any increase in asthma severity caused by the service-connected condition or its treatment. Address baseline severity when required.