

HOW TO READ THE SECONDARY CONDITIONS FINDER

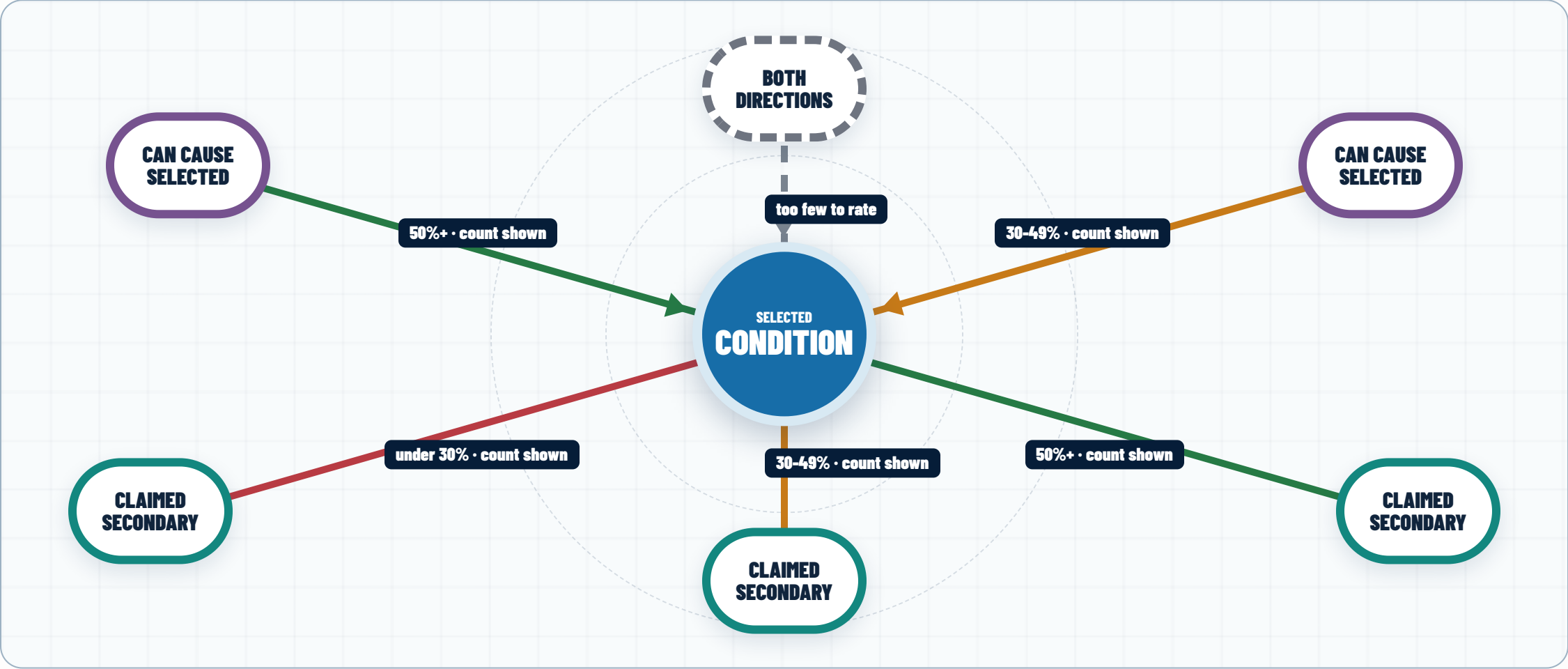


Follow the arrow. Read the color. Check the appeal count.

The network shows how conditions have been linked in published Board appeals. It helps you explore possible claim directions. It does not prove that one condition caused another in your case.

READ FROM THE CENTER OUTWARD

ONE SELECTED CONDITION, SIX EXAMPLE RELATIONSHIPS



RING COLORS SHOW DIRECTION

-  **Teal:** claimed secondary to the selected condition
-  **Purple:** alleged to cause or contribute to the selected condition
-  **Dashed gray:** relationship appears in both directions

LINE COLORS SHOW BOARD GRANT RATE

-  **Green:** 50 percent or more granted
-  **Amber:** 30 through 49 percent granted
-  **Red:** below 30 percent granted
-  **Gray:** too few decisions to rate

1. SELECT

Search for a condition or choose a quick-access diagnostic code.

2. SET DIRECTION

View outgoing, incoming, or both directions before interpreting the network.

3. CHECK VOLUME

Read the appeal count with the rate. A small sample deserves more caution.

4. OPEN THE LIST

Use list view for exact names, totals, and caused or aggravated grant counts.

A CONNECTION IS A LEAD, NOT PROOF. You still need a current diagnosis, an established primary disability, and competent evidence explaining the medical link.