

VBMS Job Aid

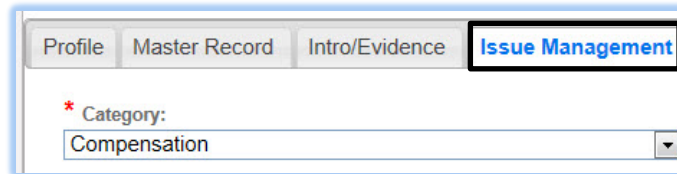
Contention Mapping

OVERVIEW

VBMS has incorporated the ability to map contentions input from the development functionality within VBMS Intake & Development to the rating functionality of VBMS Rating.

SELECTING CONDITIONS

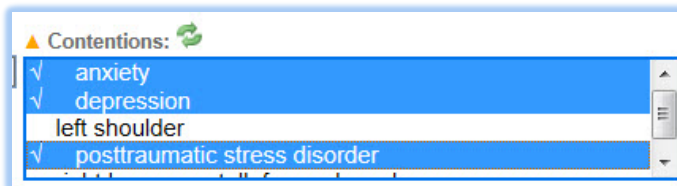
Step 1: From the **Issue Management** tab, use the **Category** down arrow to select **Compensation**. This activates all of the contention fields.



The screenshot shows a software interface with four tabs: Profile, Master Record, Intro/Evidence, and Issue Management. The Issue Management tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a label '* Category:' followed by a dropdown menu that has 'Compensation' selected.

Step 2: Select one or multiple contentions from the list to be addressed as a single rating issue.

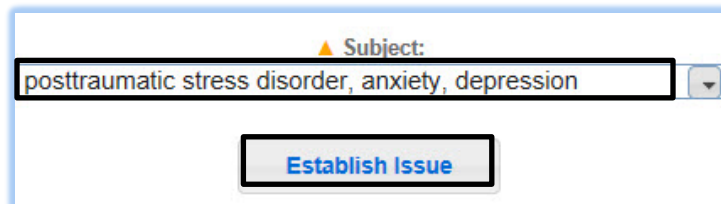
Note: You can add multiple contentions if a Veteran claims multiple conditions or symptoms typically related to one issue (e.g. PTSD, depression, anxiety).



The screenshot shows a list titled 'Contentions:' with a green refresh icon. The list contains four items: 'anxiety', 'depression', 'left shoulder', and 'posttraumatic stress disorder'. Each item has a small green checkmark to its left, indicating it is selected.

Step 3: You can manually add issues by keying the condition into the **Subject** field.

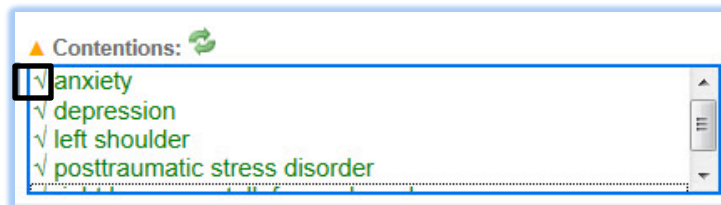
Step 4: Select the **Establish Issue** button.



The screenshot shows a text input field labeled 'Subject:' containing the text 'posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression'. Below the field is a button labeled 'Establish Issue'.

CONFIRMING CONDITION ADDITIONS

As conditions are added, the contentions are written in green and marked with a green check mark. This indicates they have been used and cannot be added again or duplicated.



The screenshot shows the same 'Contentions:' list as in Step 2. The text for all four items ('anxiety', 'depression', 'left shoulder', and 'posttraumatic stress disorder') is now green, and each has a green checkmark to its left.

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EDITING A CONTENTION

Step 1: If an established issue needs to be edited due to a typographical error, select the condition from the list.

Step 2: Select **Edit Issue**.

Issue List:

- √ Service connection for otitis externa.
- Compensation - posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depre
- Compensation - left shoulder
- Compensation - right kneeee patellofemoral syndrome

Edit Issue **Delete Issue**

A pop-up appears. You can now make edits to the issue while still relating it to the same contention.

Step 3: Edit the text in the **Issue Subject** field.

Step 4: Select **OK**.

Edit Issue Subject and Associated Contentions

Issue Subject
Compensation - right knee patellofemoral syndrome

Contentions

- √ depression
- √ left shoulder
- √ posttraumatic stress disorder
- √ right kneeee patellofemoral syndrome

OK **Cancel**

WARNING THAT CONTENTIONS HAVE CHANGED

The **Contentions Have Changed** message appears if a contention has changed between the time you pull a contention for rating and finalization. The message contains a list of all added and/or removed contentions.

Step 1: If Contentions have changed and this change will affect finalization, you can select **Cancel Finalize**. After cancellation, you can navigate back to the **Issue Management** tab for editing.

OR

Step 2: If the finalization is not impacted by the change, then select **Continue to Finalize**.

Contentions Have Changed

The list of contentions has been recently revised for this claim. Before finalizing this rating, it is suggested that you re-visit the Issue Management page to determine if changes to the contentions would affect the issues for this rating.

You may continue with finalizing the rating, or cancel the finalize operation which will take you to the Issue Management page.

New Contentions

- left knee
- patellofemoral syndrome
- traumatic brain injury

Removed Contentions

- left shoulder
- anxiety
- right kneeee patellofemoral syndrome
- depression

Continue To Finalize **Cancel Finalize**

MORE INFORMATION

VBMS User Guide

VBMS Help (embedded in VBMS)

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