

VBMS-Rating: Favorable Findings Job Aid

This job aid contains fictitious Veteran information on various images for training purposes
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Favorable Findings

OVERVIEW

A favorable finding is a determination of fact, based on applicable laws and regulations, made by the adjudicator on an issue under review. Favorable findings should relate to a material element that would be required to grant the benefit sought.

VBMS has incorporated the ability for users to add, edit, and delete favorable findings free text information for any issue that is created for a claim in the Ratings application.

Note: With current functionality users must manually add favorable findings based on previous rating decisions

Documenting Favorable Findings

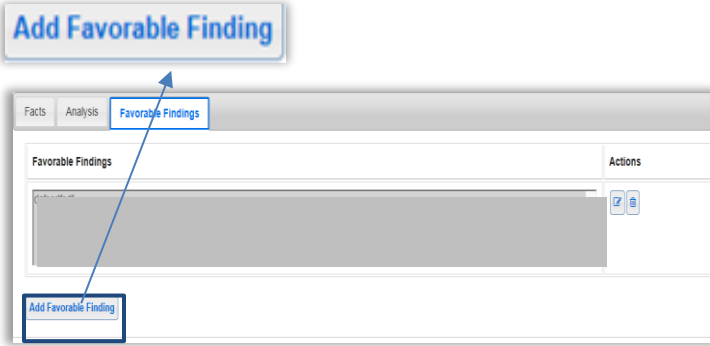
Step 1: From the Disability Decision Information Screen, select the necessary information from the drop-down menus and continue by selecting *Next*

Step 2: Once all Decision Screens are complete, the *Facts*, *Analysis*, and *Favorable Findings* tabs will appear on the Decision Screen

Step 3: Within the *Favorable Findings* tab, users can *add, edit, and delete* favorable findings free text information for any issue that is created for a claim in the Ratings application. Each favorable findings free-text is added to the Ratings narrative

Adding a Favorable Finding

Step 4: Select the *Add Favorable Finding* button to manually input the favorable finding to add to your rating narrative



Step 5: To save your findings, select *Save*

Editing and Deleting a Favorable Finding

Step 6: To *edit* a favorable finding, select the *pen and paper icon* under the *Actions Column*

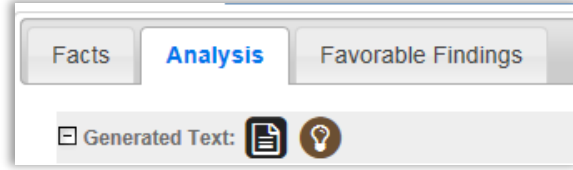
Step 7: To *delete* a favorable finding, select the *trash can icon* under the *Actions column*



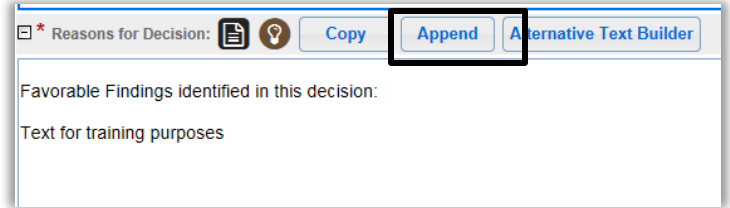
Step 8: To save your work, select *Save*

Adding Favorable Findings to Rating Narrative

Step 9: Return to the *Analysis* tab

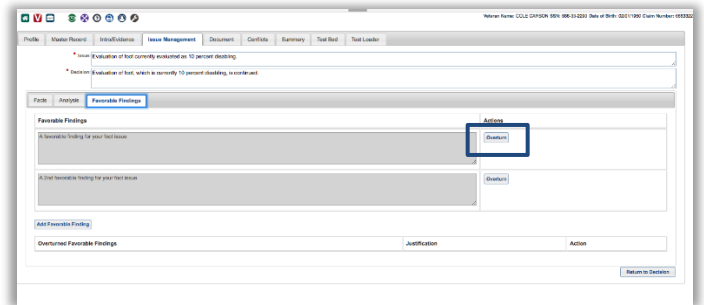


Step 10: Select *Append* to add the Favorable Findings to the rating narrative

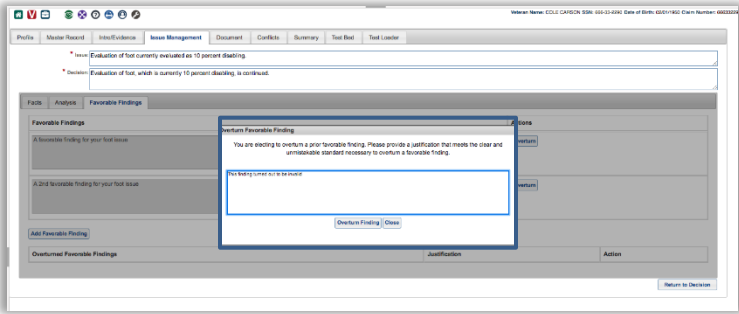


Overturning Favorable Findings

Step 1: To *Overturn* a Favorable Finding, select the *Overturn* button from the *Favorable Findings* tab



Step 2: When selecting the overturn option, a pop up will display prompting user to enter justification



Step 3: Select Save. The overturn justification will display under the Analysis Tab in a section denoted by the text “Based on evidence of record, we have overturned the following finding(s) that we had originally decided in favor of your claim:”.

