

## PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

### Georgia Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Ingrezza (valbenazine)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC code
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) QUANTITY LIMIT— 60 caps per 30 days
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED <b>NOT</b> MEDICALLY NECESSARY	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

Ingrezza (valbenazine) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **pharmacy** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

#### TARDIVE DYSKINESIA (TD)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years of age and older and medication is prescribed by neurologist or psychiatrist or nurse practitioner within a psychiatric or neurologic practice; AND
2. Member has clinical diagnosis of moderate to severe neuroleptic-induced TD as determined by clinical observation and documented in chart notes; AND
3. Member must try and fail at least 1 other guideline recommended treatments (e.g., clonazepam, ginkgo biloba, etc.); AND
4. Chart notes confirming that member does **not** have risk for suicidal or violent behavior and has stable psychiatric symptoms; AND
5. If member has a history of substance use disorder, chart notes confirming that member is in remission for **at least** 3 months must be provided; AND
6. Member's The Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) score is documented in chart notes; AND
7. Member does **not** have ANY of the following:
  - a) History of neuroleptic malignant syndrome;
  - b) History of long QT syndrome or cardiac arrhythmia;
  - c) Allergy, hypersensitivity, or intolerance to tetrabenazine.
8. **Dosage allowed:** 40 mg once daily. After one week, increase the dose to the recommended dose of 80 mg once daily.

***If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 3 months.***

For **reauthorization**:

1. Documentation that the member's TD symptoms have improved due to Ingrezza use as evidenced by AIMS score showing reduction of score from baseline.

***If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.***

**CareSource considers Ingrezza (valbenazine) not medically necessary for the treatment of the following disease states based on a lack of robust clinical**

**controlled trials showing superior efficacy compared to currently available treatments:**

- Treatment of Huntington disease, Chorea – Huntington’s disease
- Treatment of Tourette syndrome

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
08/29/2017	New policy for Ingrezza created.
12/14/2017	Criterion revised in collaboration with Indiana Medicaid DUR Board. Criterion requirement of clinical diagnoses of Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder, or Mood Disorder for at least 3 months was removed. Length of initial authorization increased to 3 months. Criterion on guidelines recommended treatment was revised.
12/28/2017	Criterion on negative drug test revised. Substance use disorder remission length requirement changed.
02/08/2018	New provider’s specialty was added: nurse practitioner within a psychiatric or neurologic practice.
05/06/2019	The guideline recommended treatment criterion changed from two to one medication to try as a trial. Criterion on negative urine drug test or positive drug test result due to current prescriptions was removed.

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