

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— 30 capsules per 30 days
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

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.
12/21/2020	Updated quantity limit from 60 per 30 days to 30 per 30 days because a new strength (80 mg) is now available.

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