

# Ingrezza (valbenazine)

| Override(s)                           | Approval Duration   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Prior Authorization<br>Quantity Limit | Initial approval: 3 months<br>Subsequent approval: 1 year |

  

| Medications            | Quantity Limit                   |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ingrezza (valbenazine) | May be subject to quantity limit |

## **APPROVAL CRITERIA**

Initial requests for Ingrezza (valbenazine) may be approved for individuals who meet the following criteria:

- I. Individual is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- II. Documentation is provided that individual has a diagnosis of chorea associated with Huntington's disease;

### **OR**

- III. Individual is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- IV. Individual has a diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia (TD) confirmed by the following (DSM-5):
  - A. Documentation is provided that at least 60 days of stable (drug, dose) medication exposure (either typical or first generation antipsychotic agents [such as, chlorpromazine, haloperidol, fluphenazine], atypical or second-generation antipsychotic agents [such as, clozapine, risperidone, olanzapine, quetiapine, aripiprazole], or certain dopamine receptor-blocking drugs used in treatment of nausea and gastroparesis [such as, prochlorperazine, promethazine, metoclopramide]); **AND**
  - B. Presence of involuntary athetoid or choreiform movements lasting at least 30 days.

Requests for continuation of therapy for Ingrezza (valbenazine) may be approved for individuals who meet the following criteria:

- I. Documentation is provided that individual has experienced an improvement in symptoms deemed to be clinically significant by the provider based on stabilization or improvement in Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) score (for TD) or total maximal chorea score (for Huntington's disease).

Requests for Ingrezza (valbenazine) **may not** be approved for individuals who meet the following criteria:

- I. Individual has congenital long QT syndrome or arrhythmia associated with a prolonged QT interval; **OR**

- II. Individual is currently using a strong CYP 3A4 Inducer (examples: rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, St. John's wort); **OR**
- III. Individual is currently using a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) (examples: isocarboxazid, phenelzine, selegiline); **OR**
- IV. Individual is currently using deutetrabenazine or tetrabenazine.

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Federal and state laws or requirements, contract language, and Plan utilization management programs or policies may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

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