

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Austedo (deutetrabenazine)</b>	<b>Policy #:</b>	<b>2590P</b>
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## Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Austedo and Austedo XR.

## Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Austedo or Austedo XR under the specialty pharmacy benefit when the following criteria have been met.

## Criteria

### 1. Coverage Criteria for Huntington's Disease

- 1.1 Diagnosis of chorea, or movement disorder, associated with Huntington's Disease
- 1.2 Ordered by a neurologist (central nervous system doctor)
- 1.3 Age 18 years or older
- 1.4 Documented inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication to tetrabenazine

### 2. Coverage Criteria for Tardive Dyskinesia

- 2.1 Documented diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia and score of  $\geq 10$  on the Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) or  $\geq 20$  on the Extrapiramidal Symptom Rating Scale (ESRI)
- 2.2 Ordered by a neurologist (central nervous system doctor) or psychiatrist (doctor who specializes in mental health)
- 2.3 Age 18 or older
- 2.4 Documented inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO of the following:
  - Clonazepam
  - Benztropine
  - Second generation antipsychotic (such as clozapine, quetiapine)
  - Tetrabenazine

### 3. Managed Dose Limit

- 3.1 Austedo: #120 tablets per 30 days
- 3.2 Austedo XR: #30 tablets per 30 days

### 4. Approval Period

- 4.1 12 months

## CPT Codes

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## HCPCS Codes

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