

**Valtoco**  
**Effective 06/01/2020**

<b>Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	N/A		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Medical and Specialty Medications</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
<b>Exceptions</b>	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
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### Overview

Diazepam nasal spray is a benzodiazepams indicated for acute intermittent seizures in patients with epilepsy. Diazepam binds to stereospecific benzodiazepine receptors on the postsynaptic GABA neuron at several sites within the central nervous system, including the limbic system, reticular formation. Enhancement of the inhibitory effect of GABA on neuronal excitability results by increased neuronal membrane permeability to chloride ions. This shift in chloride ions results in hyperpolarization (a less excitable state) and stabilization.

### Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members who are currently receiving treatment with Valtoco excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs.

### OR

Authorization may be granted for members when all the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

1. The member is  $\geq 6$  years of age
2. The member is using the medication as an acute treatment for intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity (i.e., seizure clusters, acute repetitive seizures) that are distinct from a patient's usual seizure pattern in patients with epilepsy
3. The provider is a neurologist or provider is working in consultation with a neurologist.

### Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of improvement of member's condition.

### Limitations

1. Authorizations will be approved for a duration of 12 months
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Valtoco 5mg/0.1mL (2 per box)	5 boxes (10 units total) per 30 days
Valtoco 10mg/0.1mL (2 per box)	5 boxes (10 units total) per 30 days

Valtoco 15mg/0.1mL (2 per box)	5 boxes (10 units total) per 30 days
Valtoco 20mg/0.1mL (2 per box)	5 boxes (10 units total) per 30 days

**References**

1. Valtoco (diazepam) [prescribing information]. San Diego, CA: Neurelis, Inc.; January 2020.

**Review History**

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