

# Payment Assistance Programs and other Resources



## For Patients Afflicted by Multiple Sclerosis

## Forward:

The costs of treatment for Multiple Sclerosis can be staggering, even for those with good health insurance. The hardship presented by copays, deductibles, and items needed to treat and cope with the disease (i.e. cooling, mobility devices) can really add up. Coupled with an impaired ability to work, the financial challenge is often considerable.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to identify foundations, societies and service organizations that are to help those afflicted with MS cope with these financial challenges. Many of these organizations provide financial help, aid to procure items (DME, service dogs) and support group information. Many of the organizations offer assistance for those patients earning up to 500 and 600 percent of the federal poverty level.

Federal Poverty Level, lower 48 states, 2016

[familiesusa.org/product/federal-poverty-guidelines](http://familiesusa.org/product/federal-poverty-guidelines)

# of people in household	100% FPL	400% FPL	500% FPL	600% FPL
1	\$11,880	\$47,550	\$59,400	\$71,280
2	\$16,020	\$64,100	\$80,100	\$96,120
3	\$20,160	\$84,650	\$100,800	\$120,960
4	\$24,300	\$97,200	\$121,500	\$145,800
5	\$28,440	\$113,800	\$142,200	\$170,640

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have not investigated or audited the resources listed in this pamphlet nor do we endorse or have a business interest in these organizations. We are not responsible for their behavior or integrity. Further, this list is not all inclusive and there may be many fine organizations not included.

## Types of Organizations (relevant to this document)

Public Charities – Receives a substantial portion of its revenues from the general public (as well as government and/or foundations) and distributes these proceeds through various programs that fulfill a designated purpose.

Private Operating Foundations – Operating funds (money) are generally derived from a relatively small number of donors, a single donor or corporation. As with public charities, these operating foundations distribute these funds to programs that benefit specific needy individuals.

Private foundations (non-operating) - Derive funds from limited numbers of donors, but typically distribute these funds, as grants, to specific charities and programs.

## Activities of Organizations

Of the organization listed above, they can further be categorized as follows:

Assistance – Organizations that distribute assistance from one or more managed funds to individuals for a specific purpose (i.e. copay).

Service Bureau – Organizations that match applicants with public charities or provides referral information of charitable organizations.

Service Organization – Organizations that provide products and services to applicants (i.e service dogs. Wheel chairs).

## Glossary

Deductible – A specified amount of money that the insured must pay before an insurance company will pay a claim.

Copay – A payment made by a beneficiary in addition to that made by an insurer.

Coinsurance – (Also known as “out of pocket”) This is an amount (usually a percentage) of a medical bill that the insurer is responsible for (in addition to the copay) after the deductible is met. Often it changes (or ceases) after a specified amount of cumulative charges (on a yearly basis).

Adaptive Equipment – Devices used to assist with activities of daily living, ie. Wheelchairs, scooters.

## Assistance

Note: many of these organizations offer several types of services. All logos and registered trademarks are property of their prospective organizations.

### The Assistance fund - Foundation

**URL:** <https://tafcares.org/>

A consortium of over 30 funds (1 per disease area) that provides Copays, deductibles, coinsurance and other health related expenses.

**Contact:** 855-845-3663



### Health Well

**URL:** <https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/>

Provides financial aid (copay, deductibles, and premiums) to patients that have some form of insurance. Patients can make up to 500% of federal poverty level depending on number in household and area of the country.

**Contact:** 800-675-8416



### National Multiple Sclerosis Society

**URL:** <http://www.nationalmssociety.org>

Provides a myriad of support programs to people with MS and their caretakers including support groups, financial assistance for medications, therapies and adaptive equipment. Society also offers a scholarship program and financial planning.

**Contact:** 800-344-4867





*NOTE: the national multiple sclerosis society has chapters all over the country with their own unique programs. For example:*

### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Southern Florida**

Local and national organizations offering emergency funds for utilities, housing, durable medical equipment provided and other necessities. Also provides several pharmaceutical financial assistance programs as well as a scholarship program for children who have been diagnosed with MS or have a parent that has been diagnosed.



**Contact:** 954-731-4224

### **PAN Foundation**

**URL:** <https://www.panfoundation.org>

Manages a group of funds that offer financial assistance programs for patients with health insurance (that covers the qualifying medication). Patients must fall below 400% or 500% of the federal poverty level depending on fund-specific guidelines.



**Contact:** 1-866-316-7263

### **Giving Angels Foundation**

**URL:** <http://givingangelsfoundation.org>

Provides financial assistance for the purchase of products, devices or services used to help a child with special needs (including MS).



**Contact:** 267-332-1320



**United Spinal Association**

**URL:** [www.unitedspinal.org](http://www.unitedspinal.org)

Provides assistance for spinal injuries and related maladies including MS. Assistance primarily offered to Veterans and support organizations. Site contains a list of support organizations around the country.

**Contact:** 718-803-3782



**United Spinal Association**

**Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief**

**URL:** <https://www.copays.org/diseases/multiplesclerosis> - or - <http://www.patientadvocate.org>

For patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid or military benefits. Coverage is primarily for medication. Patient income must fall below 400% of federal poverty guideline.

**Contact:** 866-512-3861





## Service Bureau

### **Partnership for Prescription America – Referral and Benefits Service**

**URL:** <https://www.pparx.org/>

A free service offered to patients by offering a single point of access to over 475 public and private programs, including those offered by life science companies. Service also provides information on nearly 10,000 free clinics across the country. Assistance includes financial help on copays, deductibles, coinsurance as well as services animals and devices.



**Contact:** no phone number listed, online only.

### **NeedyMeds – Referral and Benefits Service**

**URL:** <http://www.needy meds.org>

Non-Profit organization that provides information on financial programs including drug assistance programs, and low cost means tested clinics. Needy Meds also provides over 1,500 discount coupons (up to 80%).  
Contact: 800-503-6897



### **RxAssist - Referral and Benefits Service**

**URL:** <http://www.rxassist.org>

Provides a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs as well as discount coupons. Site offers information regarding free







and low cost medicine programs as well as other ways to manage your medication cost.

**Contact:** Web only, [info@rxassist.org](mailto:info@rxassist.org).

**Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) – Organization**

**URL:** <http://mymsaa.org>

Associations that provides information, references to other organizations and assistance to those afflicted with MS. Site offers a call in help line, roster of support groups, and gifts assistive living devices (i.e. wheelchairs) and other similar products (i.e. cooling products) to those in need. Site also offers content to help with day to day living advice, education, and a community forum/blog.



**Contact:** 800-532-7667

**MS Views and News**

**URL:** <http://www.msviews.org/>

Their Social work navigation section is a plethora of information regarding support groups, drug assistance programs, financial resources and counseling.



**Contact:** 888-871-1664

## Service Organizations

### AbilityFound - Foundation

**URL:** <http://www.abilityfound.org/>

Foundation provides mobility equipment and training to MS Patients in need. This includes, wheelchairs, walkers, stair lifts, shower chairs, transfer devices, etc.



### Canine Partners for Life

<http://k94life.org/shareourstories/>

Foundation provides service dogs to people with various diseases, including MS. Dogs are used to assist patients in their walking, balance and sense when they are tired.

**Contact:** 610-869-4902



### Freedom Service Dogs of America

**URL:**

<http://freedom servicedogs.org/programs/client-dog-teams/>

Provide free service dogs to people with various needs and disabilities including MS.

**Contact:** 303-922-6231



### Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

<https://msfocus.org/>

Offers a wide range of grants and assistance programs for everything including homecare assistance, cooling and mobility devices and laptops. Also provides aid to MS support groups.

**Contact:** 888-673-6287



## Manufacturer Support Programs.

For your convenience, we have listed the payment/financial assistance sites for treatments often used by people afflicted with MS.

Drug	Manufacturer	Website	Phone Number
Avonex	Biogen	<a href="http://www.AboveMS.com">www.AboveMS.com</a>	800-456-2255
Betaseron	Bayer	<a href="http://www.betaseron.com/betaplus/affordability">www.betaseron.com/betaplus/affordability</a>	800-788-1467
Copaxone	Teva	<a href="http://www.copaxone.com">www.copaxone.com</a>	800-887-8100
Extavia	Novartis	<a href="http://www.extavia.com/">http://www.extavia.com/</a>	866-925-2333
Glatopa	Teva	<a href="http://www.glatopa.com/glatopa_care/index.shtml">http://www.glatopa.com/glatopa_care/index.shtml</a>	855-452-8672
Pledridy	Biogen	<a href="http://www.plegridy.com/">www.plegridy.com/</a>	800-456-2255
Rebif	EMD Serono	<a href="http://www.rebif.com">www.rebif.com</a>	877-447-3243
Zinbryta	Biogen	<a href="http://www.AboveMS.com">www.AboveMS.com</a>	1-800-456-2255
Aubagio	Genzyme	<a href="http://www.MSONetoOne.com">www.MSONetoOne.com</a>	1-855-676-6326
Gilenya	Novartis	<a href="http://www.gilenya.com">www.gilenya.com</a>	1-800-445-3692
Tecfidera	Biogen	<a href="http://www.AboveMS.com">www.AboveMS.com</a>	1-800-456-2255
Lemtrada	Genzyme	<a href="http://www.MSONetoOne.com">www.MSONetoOne.com</a>	1-855-676-6326
Novatrone	EMD Serono		
Tysabri	Biogen	<a href="http://www.AboveMS.com">www.AboveMS.com</a>	1-800-456-2255
Gel	Mallinckrodt	<a href="http://www.RethinkMSRelapses.com">www.RethinkMSRelapses.com</a>	1-888-435-2284



## About Us

BioTek ReMEDys is a specialty pharmacy that focuses on medications afflicting those with MS and focus on the delivery of IVIG infusion in the home. We provide this pamphlet strictly as a courtesy to the MS Community and hope it is helpful.

For questions or help regarding the procurement of medications or other questions, feel free to contact us at: **877-246-9104**.