

MS Resource Guide

MSAA: For more information on FDA-approved therapies, symptom management treatments, and MSAA programs and services, please access additional sections of this website or contact MSAA at (800) 532-7667 or MSquestions@mymsaa.org.

MS Coalition: The MS Coalition is a collaborative network of independent MS organizations. The MS Coalition's mission is to increase opportunities for cooperation and provide greater opportunity to leverage the effective use of resources for the benefit of the MS community. Please visit: www.multiplesclerosiscoalition.org.

In addition to MSAA, the MS Coalition members (listed alphabetically) include:

Accelerated Cure Project for Multiple Sclerosis

Phone: (781) 487-0008; Website: www.acceleratedcure.org

Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC)

Phone: (201) 837-0727; Website: www.ms-care.org or www.narcoms.org

Can Do Multiple Sclerosis

Phone: (800) 367-3101; Website: www.ms-cando.org

International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses

Phone: (201) 487-1050; Website: www.iomsn.org

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

Phone: (800) 225-6495; Website: www.ms-focus.org

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Phone: (800) 344-4867; Website: www.nmss.org

United Spinal Association

Phone: (718) 803-3782; Website: www.unitedspinal.org

Assistance Programs of Approved MS Therapies:

The following pharmaceutical companies offer patient programs to provide information, instruction, and resources for advocacy and financial assistance.
(listed alphabetically)

Aubagio

Program name: MS One to One

Phone: **(855) 676-6326**

Website: www.MSONetoOne.com

The "MS One to One" program provides access to nurses experienced with MS patients on Genzyme treatments. Financial assistance will be available to individuals who qualify.

Avonex

Program name: MS ActiveSource

Phone: **(800) 456-2255**

Website: www.avonex.com

MS ActiveSource will assist patients in the following ways:

1. If the person has insurance (including Medicare), they will give co-pay assistance. The patient's co-pay will be \$10 monthly, and this program is ongoing and will not end.
2. If the person has no insurance, they will help through the Access Program. The drug will be free for two years. There is an undisclosed financial eligibility criterion. After a year and a half, the person will need to reapply. If he or she is not eligible at this time, then the individual will be referred to the National MS Society.

Betaseron

Program name: BetaPlus

Phone: **(800) 788-1467**

Website: www.betaseron.com

BetaPlus will assist patients in the following ways:

1. For people with no insurance, or if they have Medicare, they can apply for the Patient Assistance Program. If they are approved, they can receive a three-month supply for a participation fee ranging from \$30 to \$150. There is an undisclosed financial eligibility criterion. This will continue for one year, at which time they can reapply. If they are not eligible at this time, they will be referred to a list of agencies for assistance.
2. If they have insurance, they can receive co-pay assistance up to \$9,500 yearly. Patients will have no co-pay expense until they reach the maximum assistance limit of \$9,500 yearly.

Copaxone

Program name: Shared Solutions

Phone: **(800) 887-8100**

Website: www.copaxone.com

Shared Solutions will assist patients in the following ways:

1. Individuals with no insurance are referred to Assist RX. The Shared Solutions case manager will conference-call with the patient and the Assist RX organization. The information about eligibility is not public. An individual's cost would be zero for one year. He or she will then need to reapply. If not eligible at this time, there is no further assistance.
2. If a person is on Medicare, the Medicare Team, working with a specialty pharmacy (ACS) will pay through the coverage gap. This program is ongoing.
3. For people with private insurance, the Co-Pay Solutions program will assist. Individuals pay \$35 monthly. This program is ongoing.

Extavia

Patient Services Program

Phone: **(866) 925-2333**

Website: www.extavia.com

Extavia's Patient Services Program will assist patients in the following ways:

1. For individuals with no insurance and who meet the financial criteria, they can receive free medication up to one year, at which time they may reapply. The financial criteria are not public.
2. For individuals who have insurance with a high co-pay, they can receive assistance if they are financially eligible. This is also true if they have Medicare and need help with the coverage gap.

Both of these programs require that the patient reapply after one year. If the patient is no longer eligible at this time, referrals are made to other agencies such as NORD.

Gilenya

Patient Services Program

Phone: **(800) 445-3692**

Website: www.gilenya.com

Gilenya's Patient Services Program will conduct a benefits investigation and determine on an individual basis what assistance a person may be eligible to receive. They can provide a free starter packet while this is proceeding. The program will assist patients in the following ways:

1. For individuals with no insurance, they can receive free medication if their income is less than five times the Federal Poverty Level, under the Patient Assistance Foundation. People with Medicare can also receive assistance in this program. The benefit continues for one year, at which time the patient may reapply. If there is an alternative program, the patient will be referred.
2. For individuals with commercial insurance, they can receive help up to \$800 monthly under the Medical Co-Pay Support Program. This program is based on the present calendar year. There is currently no information available on this program beyond December 31, 2011.

Please note that certain states are not covered under these programs. Individuals living in those states need to ask the Patient Services representative about other assistance.

Rebif

Program name: MS Lifelines

Phone: **(877) 447-3243**

Website: www.ms lifelines.com

MS Lifelines will assist patients in the following ways:

1. If a person has no insurance, he or she will be provided with free medication for up to one year, under the Access Made Simple program. At that time, the patient may reapply and is often still eligible.
2. If a person has Medicare, he or she may apply for assistance once reaching the coverage gap. This assistance is also available for one year, and a person may reapply after that time. Both 1 and 2 require financial eligibility, the terms of which are not disclosed. If the person is not eligible when reapplying, there is no further assistance available.
3. If a person is insured but has a high co-pay, there is a program to assist. For the first three months, there will be no cost, and after that it is \$50 monthly. This is ongoing, with no need to reapply.

Tecfidera

Program name: MS ActiveSource

Phone: **(800) 456-2255**

Website: www.tecfidera.com

MS ActiveSource will assist patients in the following ways:

1. Individuals with private insurance will be eligible for a \$10 co-pay assistance program. There are no income limits as to who may be eligible. Individuals on Medicare who need assistance can call in to speak with a representative about other ways to receive help.
2. Individuals will need to re-enroll in the patient assistance program every year.
3. Uninsured individuals may be eligible to receive Tecfidera for free; there is an undisclosed financial criteria.

**Individuals on any insurance through a Federal program such as Medicare, Medicaid, and VA/DoD are not eligible to qualify for assistance.*

Tysabri

Program name: MS ActiveSource

Phone: **(800) 456-2255**

Website: www.tysabri.com

MS ActiveSource will assist patients in the following ways (the guidelines are similar to Avonex):

1. If a person has insurance (including Medicare), he or she will receive co-pay assistance. The patient's co-pay will be \$10 monthly, and this program is ongoing and does not end.
2. If the person has no insurance, he or she will be helped through the Access Program. The drug will be free for two years. There is an undisclosed financial eligibility criterion. After a year and a half, the person will need to reapply.

MS Active Source does not pay for any costs charged by the infusion center.