

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.ms-coalition.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

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.nationalMSSociety.org

United Spinal Association

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

Prescription Assistance Programs for MS Disease-Modifying 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.aubagio.com

MS One to One will assist patients in the following ways:

1. Individuals with no insurance, or with only Medicare part A and B (but not D), may register for the Patient Assistance Program (PAP). Eligible individuals must be a United States resident with a Social Security number. The household income must also be less than or equal to \$100,000. If qualified, the eligible individual will have no out of pocket expense. Program participants must

reapply each year. As noted earlier, individuals with Medicare part A and B may apply for assistance; individuals with part D are not eligible.

2. For individuals with private insurance, co-pay assistance is available. If eligible, the applicant will receive the first three months at no cost. For every month thereafter until 12 months, the co-pay is \$35. Program participants must reapply each year. Although there is no financial limit for income, only individuals with private insurance may apply.

**Patients covered by federal and state healthcare programs are not eligible for assistance (excluding individuals on Medicare without part D who are otherwise eligible under the PAP program).*

Avonex

Program name: Above MS

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

Website: www.avonex.com

Above MS will assist patients in the following ways:

1. Most individuals with private insurance will be eligible for a \$0 co-pay assistance program. There are no income requirements for the program; however, income information will need to be provided in order to enroll. There may be an annual cap that limits the amount of assistance that you can receive over one year (based on income).*
2. Individuals on Medicare who need assistance can call in to speak with a representative about other ways to receive help.
3. Uninsured individuals may be eligible to receive Avonex for free; there is an undisclosed financial criterion.
4. Biogen offers insurance counseling services that can assist patients in understanding their available insurance options with the goal of ensuring everyone has affordable access to therapy. Some of the possible health insurance options are: Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare LIS, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Private Insurance, COBRA and Dependent Coverage. We will work within your specific situation and help identify affordable health insurance options as well as financial assistance options, as needed.

**Federal and state laws may prevent eligibility. People covered by Medicare, Medicaid, the VA/DoD, or any other federal plans are not eligible to enroll. In addition, some insurance providers may prevent eligibility or restrict eligibility to people with demonstrated financial need. If you are not eligible or not sure of your eligibility, please call (800) 456-2255.*

Betaseron

Program name: BetaPlus

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

Website: www.betaseron.com

BetaPlus will assist patients in the following ways:

1. For individuals with no insurance, or if they have Medicare Part D, they can apply for the Patient Assistance Program. If they are approved, they can receive a three-month supply for a variable participation fee. 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 \$14,500 yearly. Patients will have no co-pay expense until they reach the maximum assistance limit of \$14,500 yearly. There are no household income restrictions for this program.
3. If an individual with private insurance is currently taking Betaseron but the insurance provider drops coverage of Betaseron they may qualify for the Beta Bridge program. The Beta Bridge is a program that provides access to Betaseron at no cost to the patient for up to 12 months (subject to change). This program is only open to current Betaseron users with private insurance coverage and does require enrollment. To learn more, contact the BetPlus hotline, and let your doctor know you do not want to change medications and want to appeal the insurance denial.

**Patients who are enrolled in any type of government insurance or reimbursement programs are not eligible.*

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. Co-pay amounts based on a sliding scale. This program is ongoing.

**The offer is not valid for patients covered in whole or in part by Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE, or any other federal or state government pharmaceutical assistance plan or program (regardless of whether a specific prescription is covered), or by private health benefit programs that reimburse for the entire cost of prescription drugs.*

Extavia

Patient Services Program

Phone: **(866) 398-2842**

Website: www.extavia.com

Extavia's Patient Services 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 (which increases based on the number of people living in the household), under the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation. 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 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.

**The EXTAVIA Co-Pay Program offer is not valid for prescriptions for which payment may be made in whole or in part under federal or state health programs, including but not limited to Medicare or Medicaid, or for residents of Massachusetts.*

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. 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 (which increases based on the number of people living in the household), under the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation. 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 \$12,000 yearly under the Pharmacy Co-Pay Support Program. This program is based on the present calendar year. The amount of assistance received will depend on the co-pay amount; not everyone will receive \$12,000 per year. The program does not apply for individuals who may receive payment under federal or state health insurance programs such as Medicare or Medicaid.

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.

In addition to medication co-pay assistance, the Gilenya Go Program also offers the Medical Co-Pay Support program. This latter program provides financial assistance for eligible individuals to help pay costs associated with medical testing needed before an individual can begin treatment on Gilenya. An eligible individual will pay the first \$125 of the needed medical co-pay and the Medical Co-pay Support program will pay up to the next \$600 of the co-pay.

Please note that this program only applies to individuals who have not yet started taking Gilenya. Additionally, it is not valid for medical testing that is covered under any federal or state health programs (such as Medicare or Medicaid). The Medical Co-Pay Support program excludes residents of Massachusetts, Michigan, and Rhode Island.

Glatopa

GlatopaCare

Phone: **(855) GLATOPA (855-452-8672)**

Website: www.glatopa.com

GlatopaCare will assist patients in the following ways:

1. For eligible individuals with private insurance, the Glatopa Co-Pay Program provides up to \$9,000 in annual co-pay support for Glatopa prescriptions.

2. For individuals with no insurance, free medication can be received if their income is less than five times the Federal Poverty Level (which increases based on the number of people living in the household), under the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation. The benefit continues for one year, at which time the patient may reapply. If there is an alternative program, the patient will be referred.

**Individuals with Medicare (including Part D, even in the coverage gap), Medicaid, Medigap, VA, DOD, TriCare, private indemnity, or HMO are not eligible for assistance through this program.*

Lemtrada

MS One to One

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

Website: www.lemtrada.com

MS One to One will assist patients in the following ways:

1. Individuals who are uninsured may qualify for patient assistance programs that provide coverage for Lemtrada. Individuals with private health insurance coverage may qualify for a \$0 copay for Lemtrada. Additionally, patients may receive up to \$100 a day credit towards infusion-related costs.*
2. MS One to One offers a centralized lab program that covers the costs of follow-up labs completed either with a qualifying doctor's office, traveling phlebotomist, or through LabCorp/Quest Diagnostics.

**Patients covered by federal and state healthcare programs (for example Medicare or Medicaid) are not eligible for the patient assistance or co-pay assistance program; however, they may qualify for the lab program.*

Plegridy

Program name: Above MS

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

Website: www.plegridy.com

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1. Most individuals with private insurance will be eligible for a \$0 co-pay assistance program. There are no income requirements for the program; however, income information will need to be provided in order to enroll. There may be an annual cap that limits the amount of assistance that you can receive over one year (based on income).*
2. Individuals on Medicare who need assistance can call in to speak with a representative about other ways to receive help.
3. Uninsured individuals may be eligible to receive Plegridy for free; there is an undisclosed financial criterion.
4. Biogen offers insurance counseling services that can assist patients in understanding their available insurance options with the goal of ensuring everyone has affordable access to therapy. Some of the possible health insurance options are: Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Medicare LIS, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Private Insurance, COBRA and Dependent Coverage. We will work within your specific situation and help identify affordable health insurance options as well as financial assistance options, as needed.

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Rebif

Program name: MS Lifelines

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

Website: www.rebif.com

MS Lifelines will assist patients in the following ways:

1. If a person has no insurance or lacks drug coverage 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. There is no financial limit for this program.
2. If a person is insured he or she may be eligible to receive Rebif for a \$0 co-pay. The Financial Support Team at MS Lifelines determines program eligibility.

**Please note that individuals who receive health insurance through state or federal government healthcare programs are not eligible for assistance through this program.*

Tecfidera

Program name: Above MS

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

Website: www.tecfidera.com

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Tysabri

Program name: Above MS

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

Website: www.tysabri.com

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2. Individuals on Medicare who need assistance can call in to speak with a representative about other ways to receive help.
3. Uninsured individuals may be eligible to receive Tysabri for free; there is an undisclosed financial criterion.
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