Application for Safety, Mobility, and Exercise/Wellness Products

Individuals with MS can experience difficulty with balance and coordination, fine motor skills, and mobility. The MSAA Equipment Distribution Program offers clients a selection of products designed to improve safety, mobility, activities of daily living; along with exercise/wellness opportunities. MSAA provides these products at no charge to individuals with MS who qualify for assistance.

Many of the items offered through this program are specially adapted to help meet the needs of the physically challenged. Additionally, the exercise products are designed to help individuals participate in low-to-moderate level wellness activities.

MSAA encourages clients to make careful selections based on their appropriate needs, as the set limitations apply for the length of a person’s membership. All selections are final - no exchanges permitted. If you have questions, please call (800) 532-7667.

How do I qualify and apply?

Step 1. Meet Income Requirements or Indicate a Financial Need due to the COVID-19 pandemic
Step 2. Make your Product Selections
Step 3. Read and sign the Terms Agreement Form
Step 4. Complete the Intake Form
Step 5. If available, please include a letter from your doctor that confirms your MS diagnosis
Step 6. Return the completed application to MSAA via fax at 856-488-8257 or mail to:
   MSAA, 375 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

The MSAA Equipment Distribution Program is made possible, in part, with support from the Virginia T. Dashiell Charitable Foundation, EMD Serono, Genentech, and Mallinckrodt.
Step 1: INCOME ELIGIBILITY and FINANCIAL NEED

IMPORTANT UPDATE:
Under standard program guidelines, MSAA requests applicants to list their yearly family income based on their most recently filled income tax form. The listed income is compared to the chart below, which triples the federal poverty guidelines, to determine financially eligibility. However, MSAA recognizes your current financial situation may have been negatively affected by the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, we are currently accepting two options for income eligibility:

Option 1. Sudden Financial Need
Option 2. Standard Income Eligibility

Option 1. If your financial situation has been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and you are currently facing economic hardship, please check the box and sign your name below.

☐ I (the applicant) hereby certify that I am experiencing sudden financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and require MSAA’s assistance for products offered through the Equipment Distribution Program.

Signature: _____________________________________ Date: _____________________________

Option 2. If your financial situation has not been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, please list your family income and the number of people living in your household. Please check the chart below to see if your income falls below the listed level. If it does, please sign below to confirm.

My Yearly Family Income is: $___________________. The number of people in my household is: ____.

MSAA’s Yearly Family Income Guidelines
(based on 3x the federal poverty level)

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By my signature below, I (the applicant) hereby certify the information provided to MSAA is true and accurate and my yearly family income falls below the level listed in the chart per persons living in the household.

Signature: _____________________________________ Date: _____________________________
STEP 2: PRODUCT SELECTION

Please select carefully. You cannot skip an item in one group to double in another.

### Group A: You may select 1 item from below. Please select carefully; there are no exceptions.

- **Walker w/seat four wheels** (250 lb. weight capacity)
- **Transfer Bench** (250 lb. weight capacity, reversible to fit all tubs)
- **Bathtub Safety Rail** (250 lb. weight capacity, call if you need > wt. limit)
- **Shower Chair** (250 lb. weight capacity)

### Group B: You may select 1 item from below. Please select carefully; there are no exceptions.

- **16” Grab Bar**
- **Easy-Grip Utensil Set** (knife, fork and 2 spoons)
- **Quad Cane** (small base)

### Group C - Exercise and Wellness Products:

You may select 1 item from below. Please select carefully; there are no exceptions.

- **Yoga Mat (blue) & DVD** (counts as 1 item)
  - Please select one DVD listed below:
    - **Gentle Yoga**
    - **Chair Yoga**
- **Exercise Peddler** (low impact for legs & arms)
- **Resistance Bands** (set of 5)
  - (Extra light to extra heavy)

MSAA also provides Manual Wheelchairs: If you need a standard manual wheelchair, please call MSAA’s Client Services Department at (800) 532-7667, ext. 154. MSAA will help determine if you are eligible for assistance through insurance or other resources prior to MSAA providing the wheelchair.
**STEP 3: TERMS AGREEMENT FORM**

By my signature below, I (the recipient) of this equipment understand and agree:

1. I have a medically confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis by a licensed healthcare professional.

2. That the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, Inc (MSAA) is not obligated to provide any or all of the equipment/items I have requested. MSAA retains the right to make the final determination on which equipment to distribute.

3. That some equipment is restricted to size and weight, therefore the MSAA is neither responsible nor liable for fitting the requested equipment to me.

4. That upon receipt of equipment, I will inspect the equipment and notify MSAA of any problems or damage that may have occurred during shipping.

5. That I will release and hold harmless MSAA, its officers, employees, agents and members from any injury(ies) or loss(es) that may occur from the use or misuse of the equipment/items provided by MSAA.

6. That the equipment distributed to me will become my sole responsibility, and that all maintenance, repairs and replacement parts/items are my responsibility.

7. That I am responsible for notifying the MSAA of any name, address or telephone number changes that occur while I possess any equipment provided by MSAA.

8. That the personal and medical information I have voluntarily provided to MSAA may be used or shared for the sole purpose of acquiring the service or benefit I have requested. I understand MSAA’s policy is to strictly maintain the confidentiality and security of all personal information.

9. That I should consult my physician prior to the start or change to any exercise program or routine.

I have read, understood and agreed with each of the terms and descriptions as stated above:

**Name: (Please print or type):** __________________________________________________________

**Signature:** ______________________________________________________ Date: ______________
## STEP 4: INTAKE FORM

**Important Note:** MSAA’s policy is to strictly maintain the confidentiality and security of all personal and medical information. MSAA will not share your information unless it is necessary to acquire a requested service or benefit.

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### Race (please check all that apply):

- __ American Indian or Alaska Native
- __ Hispanic or Latino
- __ Asian or Pacific Islander
- __ White or Caucasian
- __ Black or African American

### Primary Language (please select one):

- __ English
- __ Spanish
- __ Other: ____________________________

### Referred to/learned about MSAA via (please select all that apply):

- __ Family/Friend
- __ Healthcare Professional
- __ Internet Search
- __ Media
- __ MSAA Event Mailing
- __ MSAA Publication
- __ Other MS Organization
- __ Social Media
- __ Swim for MS Brochure
- __ Swim for MS Partner
- __ Solicitation
- __ MSAA Event
- __ MSAA Website
- __ MSAA Email
- __ Volunteer Match

If you wish to opt-out of MSAA’s free magazine or emails, please select below:

- __ Do not mail me *The Motivator* magazine.
- __ Do not send me MSAA emails.

### MS INFORMATION

**MS Classification (please select one):**

- __ Primary Progressive MS
- __ Relapsing Remitting MS
- __ Progressive Relapsing MS
- __ Secondary Progressive MS
- __ Unclear

**Year Diagnosed:** ____________________________
### Symptoms (please list all that apply):
- Balance Difficulty
- Bladder Problems
- Bowel Problems
- Burning Sensation
- Cold Sensitivity
- Coordination Loss
- Depression
- Difficulty w/Problem Solving
- Dizziness/Vertigo
- Fatigue
- General Weakness
- Headaches
- Heat Sensitivity
- Burning Sensation
- Muscle Spasms
- Leg Heaviness
- Loss of Memory and Attention
- Muscle Tightness
- Numbness
- Pain
- Speech Difficulty
- Swallowing Difficulty
- Tingling
- Tremors
- Vision Loss/Blur
- Vision Pain
- Other: _____________________________

### Mobility Issues:
- Always
- Moderate
- Occasional
- None

### Are you currently taking a disease-modifying therapy (DMT) for MS?
- Yes
- No

If yes, please select your **current** treatment drug:
- Aubagio®
- Avonex®
- Betaseron®
- Copaxone
- Extavia®
- Gilenya®
- Glatopa®
- Lemtrada®
- Mavenclad®
- Mayzent®
- Novantrone®
- Ocrevus™
- Plegridy®
- Rebif®
- Tecfidera™
- Tysabri®

### Tests (select all that apply):
- Evoked potentials
- MRI (brain)
- MRI (spine)
- Spinal tap

### Primary care physician: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

### Neurologist: ________________________________ Phone: ____________________________

### Annual Family Income (estimate to the closest amount):
- Under $10,000
- $20,000
- $30,000
- $40,000
- $50,000
- $60,000
- $70,000
- $80,000
- $90,000
- $100,000+

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**Step 5:** If you have a copy of a doctor’s note that confirms your MS diagnosis, please include it with this application. If restrictions on leaving the home or reaching the doctor’s office present challenges, then MSAA will accept your MS confirmation from the TERMS AGREEMENT FORM.

**Step 6:** Return to MSAA: fax 856-488-8257; mail: 375 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.