MRI Access Fund Application

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What is the MSAA MRI Access Fund?

The MSAA MRI Access Fund assists with the payment of cranial (brain) and cervical (c-spine) magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans for qualified individuals who have no medical insurance or cannot afford their insurance costs and require the exam to help determine a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis or evaluate current MS disease progression.

What is offered under the program?

For qualified individuals who have MS or suspected of an MS diagnosis, MSAA will provide financial assistance with:

A. New MRIs: For people in need of new cranial and/or c-spine MRIs, MSAA will:

➢ Refer you to an imaging center that is under contract with MSAA. This applies to people who have no insurance or cannot afford their insurance costs. MSAA will cover the cost of a cranial (brain) MRI, c-spine MRI, or both; and will pay the imaging center directly.

OR

➢ Cover the cost of your medical insurance co-pay or co-insurance balance up to a maximum of $600 per MRI (cranial and/or c-spine). MSAA will pay the billing facility directly. You will be responsible for costs exceeding $600 per MRI.

Important Note: For new MRIs through MSAA – Please DO NOT SCHEDULE an MRI appointment until you have been contacted by MSAA and received official approval.

B. Payment For Past MRIs: For people who have had a cranial and/or c-spine MRI with a date of service from July 1, 2019 to present, MSAA will pay the remaining costs up to a maximum of $600 per MRI. MSAA will pay the billing facility directly. We do not reimburse individuals. You will be responsible for costs exceeding $600 per MRI.

Important Note: Clients seeking Payment For Past MRIs from MSAA must apply to the MRI Access Fund, provide all required documents and meet income eligibility requirements.

All applicants must complete the required steps and submit the necessary documentation – INCLUDING PROOF OF INCOME for application review. Return the MRI Access Fund application to: MSAA, 375 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, or fax to: 856-488-8257.
How do I qualify?
To qualify for the MRI Access Fund you must:

- Have a confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis or the suspicion of having multiple sclerosis by a qualified healthcare professional
- Not have received MSAA financial assistance for your MRI(s) within the past 24 months
- Complete the application in full and return all required information to MSAA. Incomplete applications will be held until all information, documents and signatures are provided
- Comply with program requirements such as scheduling an MRI appointment when directed, going to the MSAA-referred imaging center, submitting bills in a timely manner, etc.
- Meet income eligibility guidelines & **SEND PROOF OF INCOME**.

**Step 1: INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

List below your ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME from your most recent Federal tax return. Please also list the number of people living in your household.

 Adjusted Gross Income: $__________ Total # of people living in my household: ______

To help expand our level of service, MSAA **triples** the Federal Poverty Guideline for income eligibility. Please see chart below, which is adjusted by 300%, as our guide in determining income eligibility.

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If your income is at or below what is listed in the chart for your family size (i.e., a family of 3 earning $63,990 or less would qualify), then please submit proof of income as noted below.

**YOU MUST SUMBIT PROOF OF INCOME AS NOTED BELOW!**

a. Copy of your last Federal tax return (Please do not include W-2 forms or pay stubs)

OR

b. An eligibility letter from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or General Assistance (GA); or an eligibility letter for SSI/SSDI from the US Social Security Administration

You can blacken out your SS# on these forms. MSAA maintains strict confidentiality and security of all information provided.
Step 2: INTAKE FORM

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________ County: __________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________ Date of Birth: __________ Gender: __________

Marital Status: ______________________ Primary care partner: ____________________________

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 [ ] Other: _______________________________________

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 Email ___ MSAA Event
__ MSAA Event Mailing ___ MSAA Publication ___ MSAA Website
__ Other MS Organization ___ Social Media ___ Solicitation
__ Swim for MS Brochure ___ Swim for MS Partner ___ Volunteer Match

MS Classification (please select one):

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

Year Diagnosed: ________________ Mobility Issues: __ Always ___ Moderate ___ Occasional ___ None

Symptoms (please list all that apply):

__ Balance Problems ___ Fatigue ___ Muscle Tightness ___ Vision Loss/Blur
__ Bowel Problems ___ General Weakness ___ Numbness ___ Vision Pain
__ Burning Sensation ___ Headaches ___ Pain ___ Speech Difficulty
__ Cold Sensitivity ___ Heat Sensitivity ___ Swallowing Difficulty ___
__ Coordination Loss ___ Leg Heaviness ___ ___
__ Depression ___ Loss of Memory/Attention ___ Tingling ___
__ Difficulty Problem Solving ___ Muscle Spasms ___ Tremors ___ Other: __________________

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 You’ve Had (select all that apply): ___ Evoked potentials ___ MRI (brain) ___ MRI (spine) ___ Spinal tap

Please copy for your records  MSAA info: (800) 532-7667, x 120; mri@mymssa.org; Fax: 856-488-8257  Revised: 8/19
Step 3: MRI REQUEST – Sign and Complete Below

☐ Yes, I certify the information I provide to MSAA is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand MSAA can contact me, my doctor or insurance carrier to process my application.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

PLEASE SELECT ONE (1) OPTION ONLY:

☐ Option A – I need a NEW cranial (brain) MRI, or NEW c-spine MRI, or both
☐ Option B – I need my bill for PAST cranial and/or c-spine MRIs paid for by MSAA

Based on your selection, please complete the matching section below.

A. New MRI Request: For people seeking new cranial (brain) and/or c-spine MRIs, please check the appropriate boxes below, provide the requested information below.

Please check ONE (1) response below to describe your health insurance status:
Currently I: ☐ Lack health insurance ☐ Have coverage but cannot afford my insurance costs

Insurance information (if unsure, please ask your doctor’s office or insurance company)

➢ Name of insurance carrier (including Medicare): ______________________________
➢ Policy deductible: $ ______________ Current deductible balance: $ ______________
➢ Co-insurance: ☐ 90%/10% ☐ 80%/20% ☐ 70%/30% ☐ N/A ☐ Copay: $ __________

Based on my doctor’s recommendation, I am in need of a:

☐ Cranial (brain) MRI ☐ C-Spine MRI ☐ Both Cranial & C-Spine MRIs
☐ I might require an open MRI machine due to concerns with claustrophobia, weight, etc.

B. Payment For Past MRIs – from July 1, 2019 to present

For people seeking payment assistance for cranial (brain) and/or c-spine MRIs with a date of service from July 1, 2019 to present, please provide the requested information below.

Please check ONE (1) response below to describe your health insurance status:
Currently I: ☐ Lack health insurance ☐ Have coverage but cannot afford my insurance costs

My balance due on my cranial (brain) MRI is $ ______________ and/or my balance due on my c-spine MRI is $ ______________. If approved, MSAA payment will not exceed $600 per MRI. MSAA will pay the facility. PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR INVOICE FOR PAYMENT.
Step 4: TERMS AGREEMENT FORM

By signing this agreement, I do hereby certify that the information I have provided to MSAA is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I do not have sufficient insurance or financial means to provide full payment for an MRI exam. By signing this agreement, I do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions as set forth by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA).

1. If MSAA needs to verify the information that I have provided, then I will grant permission in writing to MSAA to review my physician, insurance, and tax records.

2. I hereby authorize the MSAA to contact my health care provider, insurance company, or other third party payers and for such parties to release to the MSAA all medical records, insurance, or third party payer information which is to be used to assist in determining my level of eligibility for the service of the MRI Access Fund.

3. I understand that any payment will be made directly to the imaging center.

4. I understand that I am responsible for paying any additional fees such as lab fees and physician fees for reading the test and any unpaid portion of the MRI not covered by the MRI Access Fund and this terms agreement.

5. I release and hold harmless the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, Inc., and the supporters of the MRI Access Fund and their respective officers, employees, agents, funders and members for any resulting adverse effects of the test and/or resulting treatment.

6. I understand and agree 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.

7. I agree to comply with MSAA requests for follow-up correspondence and submission of necessary billing information in a timely manner and understand that failure to do so could result in delayed processing or eligibility denial.

8. I understand that I must meet program eligibility criteria and comply with stated instructions in order to receive service through MSAA’s MRI Access Fund.

Client Signature: ________________________________________ Date: _____________

Guardian Signature: ______________________________ Date: ______________

The MRI Access Fund is made possible with support from Biogen and Sanofi Genzyme.
Step 5: PHYSICIAN REVIEW FORM*

*Only needed if you are applying for Option A: New MRI. If you are applying for payment of past MRIs, please skip this form and submit your application to MSAA.

The following information must be completed and signed by the applicant’s neurologist or other healthcare provider. The physician must also include an MRI prescription for the applicant.

Name of Patient (applicant): _________________________________  Date: ________________

Physician’s Name: ____________________________________________

Office phone: ______________________________  Fax: _________________________________

1. Based on my examination and/or review of medical records, the above-mentioned patient:

   □ Exhibits symptom(s) that may indicate a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis

   OR

   □ Has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis

2. To help either confirm a diagnosis of MS or evaluate current MS disease progression, the above-mentioned patient requires a:

   □ Cranial MRI  □ C-Spine MRI  □ Both a Cranial and C-Spine MRI

3. I, or a close family member, have a financial or compensation arrangement with, or ownership interest in, an imaging center or hospital with an MRI machine?

   □ Yes

   □ No

If yes, please provide the facility name and address: ____________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

☐ Yes, I hereby certify that the above information provided to MSAA is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have received the above-mentioned patient’s permission to release such statements regarding his or her treatment and/or diagnosis.

Physician Signature: __________________________________  Date: ________________

***Please include the MRI prescription/order with this application, or it can be faxed along with this page to MSAA, Attn: MRI Dept., at 856-488-8257.
MRI Access Fund Application Reminder Page

Please KEEP THIS PAGE for your records.

Before returning the MRI application, please make sure to:

- INCLUDE DOCUMENTED PROOF OF INCOME!!!
  - Complete Step 2 (Intake Form)
  - Complete Step 3 (MRI Request). Please select just one (1) option, A OR B; sign where needed; and send invoice if selecting Option B.
  - Sign the Terms Agreement Form (Step 4)
  - Have your doctor complete and sign the Physician Review Form (Step 5), if applying for a new MRI, and include the prescription

Other Important Notes:

- Please DO NOT SCHEDULE an MRI appointment until you have been contacted by MSAA and received official approval.
- Additional costs such as doctor’s visits, reading or lab fees are not covered by the program.
- You must wait 24-months after receiving financial assistance from MSAA for your MRI(s) to reapply to the MRI Access Fund.
- The MRI Access Fund is not an emergency-based service. Applications are processed on a first-come, first serve basis. Please allow MSAA a few weeks to process your application. Thank you!

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