



## Medicare Resources for People with Multiple Sclerosis

Resources that can help lower the cost of MS treatments for Medicare beneficiaries.

SHIP Counselors provide in person support and information to individuals who need assistance navigating Medicare benefits. Find your local SHIP by calling [Medicare: 1-800-633-4227](tel:1-800-633-4227).

### Nonprofit Assistance for Disease-Modifying Therapies

There are several organizations that assist with the cost of Disease Modifying Therapies for people with MS. Because these organizations are nonprofits, their assistance will count as out of pocket costs for Part D drugs (oral or injectable therapies), helping beneficiaries reach catastrophic coverage for all of their medications.

For medications covered by Part B (administered in a healthcare setting, such as infusions), these organizations may assist with the coinsurance. Individuals should always inquire about a wait list if these organizations indicate they are out of funds.

[The Assistance Fund](tel:877-245-4412) – 877-245-4412

[Good Days Fund](tel:877-968-7233) – 877-968-7233

[HealthWell Foundation](tel:800-675-8416) – 800-675-8416

[Patient Access Network](tel:866-316-7263) – 866-316-7263

[Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program](tel:866-512-3861) – 866-512-3861

### Pharmaceutical Assistance for MS Therapies including Symptom Management Treatments

Each of the MS disease-modifying therapies and symptom management treatments has a pharmaceutical assistance program. Some will help Medicare beneficiaries find solutions to high Part D costs, others cannot. We encourage individuals to call the pharmaceutical company if help cannot be found through other subsidies or organizations. Find a list of contacts on our website ([ntlms.org/PAP](http://ntlms.org/PAP)) or by calling an MS Navigator at 1-800-344-4867, option 1.

### Be sure to ask your SHIP Counselor about other programs that might help with your Medicare costs:

- [Medicaid or Medicaid Spend Down](#)
- [Low Income Subsidy \(or “Extra Help”\)](#)
- [Medicare Savings Program](#)
- [State Patient Assistance Program](#)
- [Medigap Policies \(or “Medicare Supplement”\)](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Plans](#)

### A Note about National MS Society Services

The National MS Society offers a range of services to support individuals with MS but is generally unable to provide financial support for the cost of medications and medical services. Individuals affected by MS are invited to contact an MS Navigator at 1-800-344-4867, option 1 for information about the programs and services available in their area.