

Working with MS Support Group

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Agenda

3:00pm	Welcome back!
	Brief Introductions/Member Check-ins
3:20pm	Help! I can't afford my MS care 2016 "estimates for patient out-of-pocket costs for 3 sample MS agents ranging from \$5,979 to \$6,448 annually... Because of the often high out-of-pocket costs for patients with MS, assistance programs are important in the management of patients with MS." Gary M. Owens, MD (Am J Manag Care. 2016;22:S151-S158)
4:00pm	Member Sharings & Support
5:00pm	Adjourn

Handouts & "News You Can Use"

Common health insurance problems in MS: Resources & Strategies (CanDo-MS.org, 9/12/2017 webinar, ~70 minutes)

<https://www.cando-ms.org/multiple-sclerosis-programs/webinar-series/common-health-insurance-problems-in-multiple-sclerosis-solutions-resources-and-strategies>

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS): Financial Assistance Programs

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Treating-MS/Medications/Financial-Assistance-Programs>

National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS): Health Insurance Appeal Letters--A Toolkit for Clinicians (examples specific to drug, for physicians and healthcare providers to appeal insurance denial)

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/NationalMSSociety/media/MSNationalFiles/Brochures/Book-Health-Insurance-Appeal-Letters-A-Toolkit-for-Clinicians.pdf>

Patient Advocate Foundation - Co-pay Relief Program

<http://www.patientadvocate.org/help.php?p=905>

NeedyMeds, Inc. "Find help with the cost of medicine"

<https://www.needymeds.org/>

Good Days Foundation Program (in collaboration with Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA))

<https://www.pparx.org/prescription-assistance-programs/good-days-foundation-program>

GoodRX.com – search by drug name for immediate coupons and/or location for cheapest cost

<https://www.goodrx.com/>

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA)-

<https://mymyaa.org/msaa-help/assistive-equipment/> Assistive Equipment Distribution Program

<https://mymyaa.org/msaa-help/cooling-products/> Cooling Products Distribution Program

Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MD TAP)

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/MDTAP-Home.aspx>

Next/Upcoming Meetings

May 6th – Meeting **TENTATIVE! OFF SCHEDULE just for THIS MEETING** (due to Nursing Home availability)

Jun 10th – Meeting

Jul 8th – Meeting