

You Can Advocate for Access to Affordable Medications and to High Quality Health Insurance



WOW: MY IMPACT STATEMENT

Examples:

- “Six of the MS DMTs have increased in price more than 200% since they came on market, with nine now priced at over \$100,000 – mine included.”
- “I’ve been on the same DMT for years and my out-of-pocket costs just keep increasing. I’ve postponed paying other bills and often must use a credit card to afford my medication.”
- “MS is an expensive illness. On average, people with MS spend over \$65,000 more on medical costs annually than individuals who don’t have MS. I’m one of them.”



HOW: IMPACT ON THE MS COMMUNITY AND CONGRESS’ ROLE IN THE SOLUTION

(You do not have to use all of the points below, just pick what best supports your impact statement.)

- 40% of people with MS have altered the use of their MS medication due to cost--including skipping doses, delaying treatments or stopping their medication altogether.
- Low-income people with MS need access to safety-net insurance through the Medicaid program. But for those who live in the 12 states that have not expanded access to Medicaid, coverage has not been available for them.
- This year, the median annual price of the MS disease-modifying therapies is close to \$94,000—up nearly \$25,000 from 2015.
- 85% of people with MS said the federal government should do more to control the high cost of MS DMTs.



NOW: THE ASK FOR CONGRESS

- Will you support legislation to improve access to affordable prescription drugs and high-quality health insurance?**

Additional notes:
