

Equipment and Special Assistance Program Guidelines

Equipment and Special Assistance Program: In order to access the programs for funding of the Special Assistance or equipment Programs (equipment may be available from existing inventory), the MS Society will require the following:

- a) **Written confirmation of the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis** from a family physician or neurologist. This is a **one-time necessity**. The information is retained in a confidential database. Being a member of the Society is not a criterion for funding
- b) **Completion of the appropriate application:** The application must be completed in full and have the signatures of the health care professional and client/applicant. We encourage the client/family to contribute to the cost of the service or equipment to the best of their ability. **All other sources of funding must be secured before an application will be considered for funding.**
- c) **A written assessment by a health care professional** supporting the need for service or equipment. The only exception to this is when the equipment is being accessed through the Assistive Devices Program. The Society then requires a copy of the **ADP approval/rejection letter** be attached to the completed/signed Equipment Application.
- d) **A signed Release of Information** (included as part of the application see section F)

Please be aware that the MS Society very rarely funds “after the fact” for either equipment or services. The amount of funding available through our Programs is based on client need and the budgeted funds available. We strongly encourage cost sharing. Once all the information is received, the application is processed for consideration of funding. The client/applicant and health care professional will be notified of the decision reached.

Not funded: home renovations; exercise equipment; TENS units; therapy; drugs, food supplements

NOTE: Funding for central air conditioning is approved only once in a lifetime.