

MS = skating on thin ice



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Established in 1953, the Chapter is an important part of a nationwide network that advances the Society's mission to achieve a world free of multiple sclerosis. We provide quality programs and services to over 10,000 Ohioans living with MS and their families in a 38-county area. Areas served include the Akron, Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown metropolitan areas as well as all Central and Eastern Ohio counties. Our two offices are located in Independence and Worthington.

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Diagnosed with MS in 2001
Living with MS for 10 years

This is my story...

What is your connection to multiple sclerosis?

I have multiple sclerosis.

How has MS impacted your life?

In all ways possible! Believe it or not there have been both positive and negative impacts to my life. Due to MS I am living life as I can to the fullest!

Are you receiving or have received assistance from any services or programs?

I have not received assistance.

Have you experienced issues with any services or programs? If so, which ones?

I have experienced issues with insurance.

Please tell us about the issue.

I do not have secondary medical and I rely on Medicare for my health care. In dealing with dental (facial nerve) issues, and check-ups, it is increasingly difficult to deal with the co-pays and payments for this care—even with Medicare.

What else should we know about your unique story?

Three years into my diagnosis I suffered from liver poisoning due to the drugs that were prescribed to me. Now, I live in fear of medication, and try to manage my disease medication free. This is proving ok for now, and opens up my limited income to money for other things. I also exercise frequently and right now, because I am mobile, can do this regularly. This seems to help my MS. I also co-chair a support group for people with MS with the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the National MS Society.

Thank you for listening to my story!

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