# WHAT KEEPS PATIENTS' **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MEDICATIONS** OUT OF REACH?



### **IMPACT OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**



MS affects 400,000 individuals in the U.S.

#### WHO EXPERIENCE

**COSTING AN AVERAGE** \$4.1 MILLION PER PATIENT OVER A LIFETIME





### **ACCESS TO NECESSARY MEDICATION**

Health plans place more than half of branded MS drugs on patient cost sharing.<sup>2</sup>

## **OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

Average out-of-pocket costs for patients with MS: \$3,287.3







#### **LACK OF ADHERENCE**

A 10% increase in cost sharing = 8.6% decrease in patients taking medication as prescribed.4

**10%** 







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