



Multiple Sclerosis Testing: Client Page for WWWP

WWWP adds Multiple Sclerosis testing:

- ❑ Effective April 2005, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) covers testing for multiple sclerosis (MS), for women enrolled in WWWP, who have high-risk symptoms or signs of MS or have been told they have MS (see page 2 for some general information on multiple sclerosis).
- ❑ Since diagnosing MS can be complicated, WWWP is using specific providers and a step-by-step testing process for the new MS testing services.
- ❑ Women who are enrolled in WWWP and are diagnosed with MS, will be connected to free or reduced-cost treatment for MS. The MS treatment will be provided by regional MS Centers that are helping WWWP with the MS testing. MS treatment cannot be paid by WWWP.

The Well Woman Program's primary focus continues to be on screening and early diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer for low-income, uninsured women.

Who is Eligible for MS testing through WWWP?

Women who are enrolled in the WWWP and who:

- ❑ are 35-64 years old,
- ❑ are low-income (family income below 250% of federal poverty),
- ❑ do not have health insurance that covers WWWP services (e.g., no Medicaid or Family Planning Waiver, no Medicare Part B, no private insurance),
- ❑ have high-risk symptoms or signs of MS, or already have MS and need help getting treatment for MS, and
- ❑ agree to get the MS testing from selected health care providers participating in the WWWP multiple sclerosis testing services.

What's Covered by WWWP:

- Risk assessment to check for high-risk symptoms or signs of MS. Provided by WWWP provider as part of regular screening visit for all women.
- Office visit with detailed history & physical exam to check for MS, and decide if a referral to a MS Center is needed for diagnostic testing. Provided by specific WWWP primary care providers for women with high-risk signs of MS or who have a past history of MS.
- MS diagnostic testing by MS Centers working with WWWP for women referred by WWWP primary care providers. This may include a brain scan and other lab tests.

What's NOT Covered by WWWP:

- Treatment or assistive devices for MS.
- Testing or treatment for other nervous system problems. If other problems are found during MS testing, providers will try to refer women to other free or reduced-cost services.
- MS testing by providers who are not signed up as WWWP-MS providers.

Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis:

- Free or reduced-cost treatment for WWWP enrollees diagnosed with MS, will be provided by MS Centers who are working with WWWP.

