

DMT's

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I find it a little righteous that MS is being used as a crutch to hang a political argument on. I have had MS (since diagnosis,) for around three years. While the ADA, EEOC and ACA may have their benefits, they haven't helped me. Trust in me, I gave used them all.

The ADA

It is admirable that the ADA professes to protect handicaps. I have found, while search for SGA (don't get me going,) the ADA does not help a handicap person get a position, it fact it likely does the opposite. The minute I show up for an interview, and either disclose MS, or they figure 'something' isn't right, protection mode ensues. Before it was known I had a disability, potential employers couldn't wait to speak with me, after the interview(s), I always hear, 'someone better came up.' That is ADA-speak, thanks, but no handicap, I know, I used to hire (seems like another life now,) and was coached on how to avoid ADA infractions. So as you see, I am a little jaded on ADA protections for job-seekers.

The EEOC

I can almost say the same things about the EEOC as the ADA. I am sure when the political establishment executed this agency, it was thought to be a good thing, as it turns out, both are easy to get around, offer companies a marketing gimmick and (both,) for me, have turned out to be pretty useless.

The ACA

To be sure, ACA (Obamacare,) has been something less than a help. Deductibles are enormous, newer MS DMT's require preapprovals, and some providers do not even include them on their formulary. It's like you know the something better is out there, but others are putting a \$ on your life. This is another act of good intentions, I had BCBS, and my DMT was covered. I went to the marketplace and it wasn't. (I find out Medicaid, where they put me, used a earlier DMT.) So I went back to BCBS. In the meanwhile, the Specialty Pharmacy used by BCBS (I find out,) shipped some DMT's, and wasn't an accepted Medicaid provider, so now I have a large bill I must pay just to get my DMT. To put it in perspective, the DMT's I require, cost about \$100,000.00/Year.

Blue Tags

One of the only benefits (?) I have is handicapped parking. Even that is not sacrosanct. There is a reason for those spaces, SOME PEOPLE NEED THEM! It is awfully inconsiderate when the space is used by someone without a tag of worse using them under false pretenses. I long ago became tired of hearing, 'Oh, did you need this spot? I'll only be here briefly. I will save it for you.' Consideration is trumped by self interest often.

These are just a few of the issues that MS has blessed me with and it is my intention (one of them,) to have the uninitiated understand.

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