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The first medication for multiple sclerosis (MS) that can be taken orally will be subsidised under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from tomorrow – welcome news for many Australians living with MS.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon made the announcement in June that the new medication would be available under the scheme.

This is a positive step for people living with MS, and represents a new, affordable option for the 20,000 Australians living with the effects of MS every day.

MS Australia welcomes the advent of any new treatments that have undergone rigorous clinical testing as a way of giving people living with MS more options in reducing the impact of the disease on their lives.

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People with MS should contact MS Connect on 1800 042 138 and their treating neurologist for any advice.

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