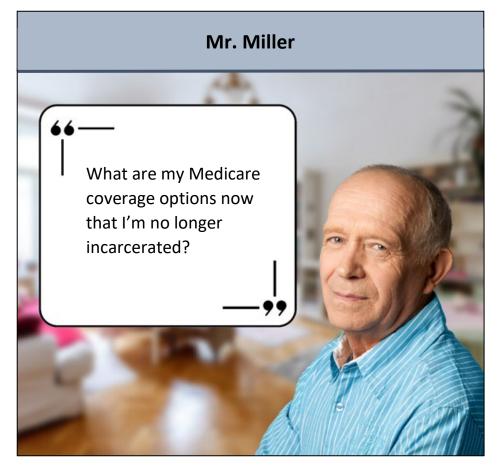


Scenario Worksheet

Medicare & People Leaving Incarceration



Scenario

Mr. Miller was 67 and had premium-free Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) at the time of his incarceration in January 2020. Social Security suspended his retirement benefits when he went to prison, and he lost Part B coverage because he was unable to pay the premiums. Mr. Miller was released from prison on April 15, 2024. Now, a month later, he learns that he needs outpatient surgery, but the surgeon is unwilling to schedule an operation because Mr. Miller doesn't have insurance. Mr. Miller hasn't started receiving his small Social Security benefit yet, and he has few resources.

Questions

1. What would you advise Mr. Miller about possible health coverage options?

2. What steps can Mr. Miller take to get his Medicare restarted?

3. When can Mr. Miller sign up for Medicare, and what evidence does he need to have access to the Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for formerly incarcerated people?

4. When will Mr. Miller's coverage become effective?

5. How can Mr. Miller get help with his Medicare costs?

6. Where can Mr. Miller get additional information about his Medicare eligibility and enrollment?