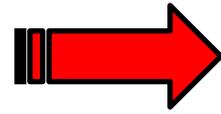
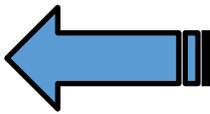


**How To Identify Prisoners who have Medicare below age 65**

Did you receive Social Security or SSI before you went to prison?

NO



Yes

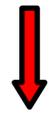


Did you receive 2 checks SSD and SSI?

NO



Yes



Probably not on Medicare

NO



Yes



Did you receive these checks for two years or more?

Yes

NO



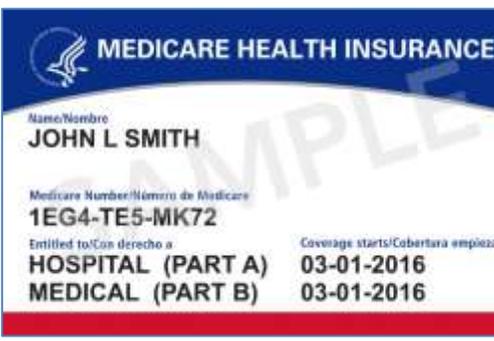
May be close to Medicare eligibility. Send fax to SSA or DSS to check on Medicare status

**NOTE**

Prisoners age 65 or older are eligible to purchase Medicare at age 65 regardless of work history if they are a U.S. Citizen or have been a permanent legal residents for 5 years.

Those receiving dialysis or diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease may be eligible for Medicare even if they have not collected SSD or SSI.

**Check on Medicare Status**



## Helping Medicare Beneficiaries Upon Release

### Reinstatement of SSD/SSA

Social Security Disability and Social Security Retirement benefits are suspended during incarceration. Individuals do not need new applications.

Released prisoners should go to the local Social Security office with their release paperwork to get Social Security benefits reinstated.

SSD and SSA benefits do not resume until the next month. If the individual was removed from their Medicare Part B for failure to pay his/her premiums during incarceration, their 3 month premium they owe will be deducted from their first check. If an individual received an overpayment because they received Social Security benefits while they were incarcerated, some funds will be removed from their check until they have paid back their overpayment.

### Reinstatement of Medicare Part B/D

If Medicaid was suspended, ask the Department of Social Services (DSS) to use this application to grant the Medicare Savings Program. Send an email to [dss.mbi@ct.gov](mailto:dss.mbi@ct.gov) requesting a Medicare Part B buy-in retroactive to the first of the release month.

If Medicaid is not suspended, apply for Husky C and the Medicare Savings Program. Send an email to [dss.mbi@ct.gov](mailto:dss.mbi@ct.gov) requesting a Medicare Part B buy-in retroactive to the first of the release month. Request best available of evidence of coverage.

Provide brochure on the LINET program, a temporary Medicare Part D plan, to the prisoner. Instruct the prisoner to have the pharmacist bill LINET immediately. Pharmacists can call 1-800-783-1307 for assistance. Inform the released prisoner they will be responsible for cost-sharing.

Inform released prisoners to tell their medical providers that their Medicare Part B won't be in the computer until this is sent to Social Security around the 25th of the month. Their providers can bill after that date.