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Consumer Directed Services offers this Newsletter to provide information about the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program and to assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants. To receive a Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include the text **Newsletter Request**.

Personal Assistant Candidates, who wish to be included in the newsletter and database, can submit their information by completing the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#).

Also, to insure that this Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you choose to remove your address from this list, please contact me at the above email address.

*Please remember for this (FREE) service to succeed, Consumers must join in the conversation. If you are looking for a new Personal Assistant, I encourage you to go to the website, select the link [Consumer / Advocate - Newsletter Enrollment Consumer - Search for a PCA Candidate](#), complete and submit the form on that page and permit me to forward your search outline to the Personal Assistant Candidates and the other Employment Resources that are enrolled in the email database. As of the above date, **304** Personal Assistant Candidates have been enrolled in the Consumer Directed Services database.*

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

How to Eliminate Medicaid Fraud the Easy Way - An article from [Reuters](#) calls attention once again to one of the many problems resulting from the current Medicaid program – fraud. The headline was “Actavis Group has reached an \$84 million settlement with Texas to resolve civil claims that it defrauded the state’s Medicaid program by artificially inflating prices for its generic drugs.”

The case is more than 10 years old and originated with a whistleblower lawsuit and was on appeal from a trial court. To be clear, this was a settlement, and Actavis admitted no wrongdoing. But, the price tag of the settlement for Actavis was half the original verdict. Attorney General Abbott is to be commended for his work in prosecuting Medicaid fraud that, according to his press release, has recouped \$450 million in drug pricing lawsuits. But as successful as he has been, the underlying flaw in Medicaid’s structure still has millions of dollars going out for fraud that the state then spends huge sums detecting, investigating, and prosecuting.

Contrast that effort with the results of [Mathematica](#) and others of a Medicaid pilot program in Florida. The program was called Cash and Counseling and provided a fixed amount of “cash” made available to a disabled person to purchase their own services rather than the one-size-fits-all Medicaid

services. Counseling was available for those who needed it. Not only was the program a cost saver for the state, but also the studies found that the clients were highly satisfied with the service and that there was zero fraud.

The by-product of a free market again proves superior to that of central planning. When people make their own value decisions and make the payment themselves, the only ones who lose are the bad guys.

Arlene Wohlgemuth

http://www.texaspolicy.com/legislativeupdates_printable.php?report_id=4214

PCA Candidates

To add a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidate, please complete and submit the [PCA Candidate Enrollment Form](#). As soon as your information is received it will be added to the next Newsletter. To consider the employment of a PCA Candidate, please contact the Candidate directly.

bleu_jones@yahoo.com on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 18:58:29

Personal Assistant Candidate: Alonda Jones

Address1: 132 Kramer Street Address2: 1b

Address3: Staten Island, NY 10305

Phone: [347-671-3349](tel:347-671-3349)

Best Time: afternoon Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,

Hours per Week: 35

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 1/10/12

Days I Would Like to Work: tuesday,wednesday,thursday,saturday,sunday

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes

Target Salary Per Hour: 35

Target Salary Per Week: week

Comments: I recently received my C.N.A. certification at the Iroquois Job Corps Center, also E.K.G 1ST AID and CPR

hyatt.latanya@gmail.com on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 16:06:45

Personal Assistant Candidate: Latanya Hyatt

Address1: 3301 Wickham avenue

Phone: [3479089464](tel:3479089464)

Best Time: Anytime Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations

Hours per Week: 50

Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: Immediate Days I Would Like to Work: Open

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: No

Target Salary Per Hour: 9.00

Comments: I worked for a home health aide company for a little while and I took care of both of my grandparents before they past. Cooking, cleaning, and traveling for them.

diaz3205@aol.com on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 13:58:18

Personal Assistant Candidate: angela rosario

Address1: 60 pitt street #17c ny ny10002

Phone: [646-732-1150](tel:646-732-1150)

Best Time: any time Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,

Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations

Hours per Week: 40 Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: asap Days I Would Like to Work: monday to friday

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

armwoodsarah@ymail.com on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 12:53:01

Personal Assistant Candidate: Sarah Armwood

Address1: 1305 Amsterdam ave

Phone: [646 633 9997](tel:646-633-9997)

Best Time: anytime Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,

Hours per Week: 200 Days per Week: 7 Preferred Start Time: 9

Days I Would Like to Work: everyday

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes

Target Salary Per Hour: 10 Target Salary Per Day: hour

Target Salary Per Week: 500

Comments: My name is sarah I've been taking care of the ederly kids dementia patient since the 1980s I've done wheel chairs, strokes hoyo lift chronic pain etc

Reminder: Consumer Directed Services makes no representation (positive or negative) regarding the appropriateness of any PCA Candidate the Consumer may consider. Therefore, a Consumer's consideration of any of the PCA Candidates listed above or any of the Candidates referred by a PCA Employment Service does not in any way reduce or modify the Consumer's exclusive responsibility to manage the PCA evaluation and employment process

Articles Related to the CDPAP

House Calls: Moving Forward December 27th, 2011 by Deb Wilson

About 18 months ago I commented on a press release by U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Representative Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) that announced the delivery of their letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recommending that CMS implement the Independence at Home (IAH) provision of Health Care Reform prior to the law's 1/1/2012 effective date, preferably by the end of 2010 or beginning of 2011.

House Calls – Deb's Daily Dose for July 11, 2010

CMS didn't quite make the Congressmen's "suggested" time frame, however last week CMS did announce the initiation of the IAH provision via a call for physician/nurse practitioner practices to apply for inclusion in the pilot ("demonstration") program.

New Affordable Care Act Demonstration to provide care at home for Medicare patients

Along with the announcement comes additional information on the criteria that will be required for a patient to be eligible for primary care visits from a participating doctor/nurse practitioner as well as the nature of the care that will be provided. Care will be available 24 hours a day/7 days per week by a doctor or nurse practitioner that utilizes

<https://awareofyourcare.com/blog/2011/12/house-calls-moving-forward/>

At-Home Care Put to the Test Under ACA

By: FRANCES CORREA, Family Practice News Digital Network

Medical practices equipped to provide at-home care services for chronically-ill patients may be eligible for incentive payments under a new demonstration project created by the Affordable Care Act.

Starting this month, the [Independence at Home Demonstration](#) is calling for applications to test whether providing coordinated home-care services for patients with multiple chronic conditions will keep them out of the hospital, improve patient satisfaction and outcomes, and lower Medicare costs.

<http://www.familypracticenews.com/news/more-top-news/single-view/at-home-care-put-to-the-test-under-aca/37ea5e379e.html>

New "Independent at Home" Demo Revitalizes the House Call December 30th, 2011

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to reintroduce the concept of the "house call" to modern medicine with a new demonstration project. Under the "[Independence at Home Demonstration](#)," participating practices will provide home-based primary care to targeted chronically ill Medicare patients for a three-year period. In-home visits will be tailored to an individual patient's needs, and CMS will track beneficiaries' care experiences through quality measures.

The demonstration will reward health care providers that show a reduction in Medicare expenditures through an incentive payment if they succeed in providing high-quality care while reducing costs. Participation is voluntary, and CMS is [accepting applications](#) now. Applications and letters of intent, if applicable, are due by Feb. 6, 2012.

<http://news.aapc.com/index.php/2011/12/new-%E2%80%9Cindependent-at-home%E2%80%9D-demo-revitalizes-the-house-call/>

PCA Employment Agencies

If your Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Employment Service assists Self-Pay and CDPAP Consumers in the NYC Metro Area, you can have your agency information added to the following list by completing the [Employment Service Enrollment Form](#).

Fifth Avenue Committee
Aaron Shiffman
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217
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718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Alba Silva
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
albasilva@nimic.org
212-822-8300

Queens Community House
Ana Lopez-Betancourt
108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills, NY 11375
abetancourt@queenscommunityhouse.org
718-898-7461 x 19

YWCA of NYC
Anne Alfred
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004
aalfred@ywcanyc.org
718-723-6170

Center For Family Life Employment
Denise Serrato
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232
dserrato@cflsp.org
718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
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500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
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(718) 518-4444

El Barrio's Operation Fight
Gustavo Rosado
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
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212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
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Leslie Klein
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
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Our Planet Management Institute
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212-269-4000

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu
718-368-5563

Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
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New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
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