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To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, Consumer Directed Services offers the following Newsletter, which will be published weekly, whenever the names of potential Personal Assistants, new PCA Employment Agencies, or CDPAP related articles become available. If you have any questions, comments or recommendations, please contact me at elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com, also should you choose to remove your address from this list, please send an email to the above address.

Reminder: to receive this Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only complete the top portion of the [Consumer - Enrollment Form](#). Should a new or previously enrolled Consumer complete both portions of this form; Consumer Directed Services will automatically share their Employment Opportunity information with the list of PCA Employment Agencies.

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this Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

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 below 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.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

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.

Monday, February 14, 2011 at 11:32:55

Personal Assistant Candidate: Darlene Falice (darlenefalice@yahoo.com)

Address1: 230 Duane Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12307

Phone: 518-878-6450

Experience: Personal Care / Home Health,, Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

Other Experience: Former Employee of NYS Mental Health -

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

Hours: 20 Days: 2

Start Time: 7am

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Redesigning the Medicaid Program Contact Form. Your ideas/recommendations are important. Please take a few moments to share your ideas/recommendations in the following form.

Suggestions for reforming New York's Medicaid program may also be submitted on the Medicaid https://apps.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/contact_form.action

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) Position Paper Submitted to the NYS Medicaid Restructuring Team, February 11, 2011

The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), in its existing form, is the innovative cost savings model that provides New York State with a *Savings Net*. When considering Medicaid redesign and reform, there is no need to cut or create - the answer is already here. CDPAP is a Legislatively mandated, Medicaid funded, *Personal Care* program that empowers self-directing seniors, people with disabilities or their designated representatives to recruit, hire, train, supervise and terminate their choice of personal assistant home care worker. This model is the textbook example of one that affords tangible positive outcomes and greater satisfaction with services. The concept of consumer-direction comes from the independent living and disability rights movements and serves to maximize the independence and autonomy of persons needing functional assistance from others. Consumer-directed models of financing and delivering services permit the person needing service greater choice and control over all aspects of service: recruiting, hiring, training, supervising, scheduling and deciding when and how specific tasks or services are to be performed. Studies that compare consumer directed models to traditional personal care models demonstrate the value of consumer direction in affecting concepts such as safety, unmet needs and satisfaction. According to a report by Health Services Research, "from a recipient perspective the consumer directed model is associated with more positive outcomes."

<http://edlitcher.hypermart.net/CDPAANYS%20Position%20Paper%20FINAL%202-11-11.pdf>

Action alerts and advocacy news on disability issues Friday, February 11, 2011

On January 9th the Governor named the members of the Medicaid Redesign Team and http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/redesign/. The team is made up of representatives from the state legislature and state agencies such as the Department of Health which is on point for the project, representatives of healthcare industries such as hospitals and insurance companies, and representatives from healthcare unions, and consumer organizations. The team has already begun holding meetings and a number of regional forums are being held across the state in order to seek advice from the public. Oral and public testimony is being solicited from the public. We urge everyone to make their voice heard by providing comments and testimony on the aforementioned website. http://ncciadvocacy.blogspot.com/2011_02_01_archive.html

The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) SEEKS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) is seeking an Executive Director. The organization is devoted to strengthening the Consumer Directed Personal Program (CDPAP) which is an alternative home care program offering seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and control of their home care services. Office: Convenient office located in Albany, NY Position Available: March 1, 2011

http://edlitcher.hypermart.net/CDPAANYS_job_posting_2-2011.doc

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
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718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Alba Silva
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
albasilva@nivic.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 Emplymt
Denise Serrato
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718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
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