

March 08, 2013

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) created a FREE Employment Information Bridge between Consumers and PCA Candidates.

- [Consumers / Advocates](#)

- To receive a copy of the weekly Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include your name and the text **Newsletter Request**.
- To search for a New Personal Assistant go to the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) website and complete the form at the following link [Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate](#). When your information is received it will be distributed to all of the PCA Candidates enrolled in the database and a variety of other Employment Resources.

- [Personal Care Assistant \(PCA\) Candidates](#)

To include your information in the Newsletter and Database, go to the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) website and complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#). As of the above date, **574** Personal Assistant Candidates have already been enrolled.

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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) home page. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you wish to remove your address from this list, please contact send an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

Consumers Wanted: For an Employment Information Bridge to work it requires traffic to flow in both directions. If you are in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, you will eventually need to find a new Home Care Worker. And up to now you may have relied upon Friends, Family, an Agency or you may have chosen to put your own advertisement on the Internet (See the list of Internet resources on the PCA Employment Agency page of this newsletter). Therefore, to help you find the PCA Candidate of your choice, I urge you, to do everything you ordinarily do, to consider an Internet resource and to try www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com. Finally, if you try Consumer Directed Services, please spread the word. Tell your friends and associates about this **FREE** service.

Consumers Searching

Should you require additional information

Please Contact the Consumer Directly.

Charles Strouchler on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 12:03:41

Consumer: Charles Strouchler

Address1: 49 Fulton St.

Address2: Apt. 3M

Address3: New York, NY 10038

Phone: 2123497605

Best Time: 9am-9pm

Email Authorization: No

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Languages

Description of Languages: English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Hours: 12

Days: 2-3

Start Time: 7am; 7pm

Description of Schedule: week-end preferred, fill-in, week night

Pay Per Hour: 10.30

Comments: Need strong and experienced candidate. Help with all ADL's, including intermittent catheterization. (We will train.) I am Concepts of Independence client; you must be eligible to go on their payroll, and be honest; reliable and kind.

PCA Candidates

Consumer Directed Services is not an Agency and makes no representation (positive or negative) regarding the appropriateness of any PCA Candidate, or the terms and conditions of any employment relationship. All employment and payment decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the Consumer.

(flocornell@gmail.com) on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 00:44:56

Personal Assistant Candidate: Florante Coronel

Address1: 221A Beach 11th St

Address2: Far Rockaway, NY 11691

Phone: 603.858.0516

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Description of Other Type of Position: Companion Care (Stay-in)

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,, Languages

Description of Special Diets: gluten-free, diabetic, dysphagia, IBD

Description of Languages: English, Filipino (Tagalog), Spanish (75%)

Description of Other: Psychosocial activities, musical programs

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

Hours per Week: 60++

Days per Week: 5min

Preferred Start Time: 6am

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Friday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 18

Target Salary Per Day: 180

Target Salary Per Week: 900

Comments: Has 2 business degrees in College; has a solid pharmacological background; CNA License-holder; more than 10 years experience; excellent in communication skills, home organization, record-filing and organizing; specialty areas: Alzheimer's and other dementia, Diabetic care management, wound care, incontinence care, bladder issues.

nataki3@gmail.com on Friday, March 1, 2013 at 19:56:02

Personal Assistant Candidate: michelle morris

Address1: 79 amboy street brooklyn ny

Phone: 347 264 1690

Best Time: mornings

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Description of Special Diets: diabetic,hyper and hypotention

Description of Languages: english

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

Hours per Week: 50

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 9 am

Days I Would Like to Work: mon to fridays

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$15

Comments: my name is michelle i have been a home health aide for the past 12 years. i have different experients with different cliens, i accompany to doctors appt,light house cleaning grocery and errands etc.

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Protect Consumers' rights to Fair Hearings and Aid Continuing

Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2013 08:56:19 -0500 (EST)

Good morning everyone:

It's great that everyone is so passionate over the recent events, but we need to stay united and focused over what is going on and what we need to do to get THE CONSUMER's message across that the current changes to Medicaid will not be accepted.

Over the last few weeks, CDPAANYYS has had several very positive meetings with legislators over these issues. Furthermore, this past Monday 3/4/13, many of our statewide members met in Albany with their respective representatives and gained more support for our issues. TK was also present in Albany on Monday and Tuesday, so he and I could meet with local legislators, in order to get the message across. (I must admit that when TK speaks, people listen).

I, along with all of our Consumers and their PAs from Concepts of Independence and Concepts of Independent Choices, need to give a big thanks to Bryan from CDPAANYYS and Leah from CDR for their tireless efforts in getting the message out that the recent decisions must be changed. It also goes without saying that we need to give thanks to Valerie Bogart and all of the advocacy organizations for their hard work and support.

The momentum is building and we are now partnering with ADAPT, Statewide Senior Action Council, CIDNY, Brooklyn Center on Independent Living, Queens Independent Living and others for their support on this effort.

Now it is time for the Consumers and their PAs to speak their voice (we have saved the best for last)!

Consumers need to drive home the message that: Consumers' rights to Fair Hearing and Aid Continuing must be protected, and PAs need to be paid a fair and appropriate wage

We are scheduling a rally and press conference at City Hall Park (across the street from 250 Broadway) for Wednesday 3/13/13 at 1:00PM.

We need you, your PAs need you, so you need to be there!! Try to get there before noon so we can start on time.

A flyer has been prepared and will be sent out with more details. Other rallies are also being scheduled around the state on 3/13/13, so our message will be heard from Long Island to Buffalo.

We will try to get T-shirts or hats, buttons and signs with the motto: "**Big HMO: Don't Take my RIGHTS / my PAY CHECK**"

I hope to see everyone on Wed 3/13/13 at City Hall Park. Also, pass the message on!

Tony Caputo
CEO Concepts of Independence
President CDPAANYS

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State

Call to Action

I know you are busy. But I am writing to ask - no plead - that you take two minutes to send these letters to your Senator and Assembly Member. You see Medicaid recipients, particularly those with chronic health needs who need lots of services and/or a high number of hours, have always relied on two things as their safety net. When anyone, whether a managed long term care plan or a county, took away or reduced the services they were receiving or the amount of time they could receive them, Medicaid consumers knew they had a fair hearing and aid continuing.

If we do nothing, when the state transitions to managed long term care, consumers will face the loss of those protections. This will threaten the basic existence of CDPA and a consumer's ability to live in the community. Managed long term care plans have successfully argued that consumers should have to wind their way through the complex system of internal and external appeals before they would be able to go to fair hearing. This means a consumer could have to go through THREE HEARINGS before their fair hearing rights kick in.

To add insult to injury, managed long term care plans want to make sure the consumer does not have aid continuing while they fight to get through all the red tape. The basic provision that makes sure they can continue to receive the services they still need - services that keep them in the community - will be gone if the managed long term care plans get their way.

We know what this really means: institutionalization.

The people affected by this, when they actually need services or hours, are not capable of going without while they wait for one decision after another from managed care plan and state officials. A consumer receiving split shift services who is reduced to 24-hour care cannot deal with the loss of those hours and remain in the community.

Fortunately, Assembly Member Richard Gottfried has introduced legislation to make sure these

rights are protected. A.4996 would require that consumers have the right to a fair hearing and aid continuing.

We need to let our Legislators know that Medicaid consumers need them to support this legislation. E-mail your Legislators today and tell them to support A4996 (Gottfried) and include it in this year's budget.

Please, do this now. It could be mean your freedom.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<http://www.votervoice.net/link/target/cdpaanys/i36NPGBG.aspx>

In healthcare, no matter where you're going, it helps to have a map

New Orleans, LA | March 3, 2013

For healthcare providers launching a mobile health program, mHIMSS has created an mHIMSS Roadmap. And on Sunday, in an eight-hour workshop at the 2013 HIMSS Conference and Exhibition, that document was explained, analyzed and put to use in a series of test cases.

The session, "mHIMSS Roadmap – mHealth Guidance for Hospitals and Health Systems," pulled together a number of mHIMSS members and a standing-room-only audience of attendees to discuss issues including technology, policy, new care models, ROI, privacy, security, standards and interoperability.

Among the speakers were Lee Kim, a Washington D.C.-based attorney, who talked about patents and intellectual property issues for developers looking to launch a new product and cloud computing issues for providers looking to take that leap, and Robert Jarrin, senior director of government affairs for Qualcomm, who delved into the various regulatory and legislative bodies with a stake in mHealth.

Jarrin offered insights into the FDA's ongoing effort to regulate mobile medical applications and pointed out that the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT hasn't included many references to mHealth in meaningful use guidelines. He also took note of a couple of programs developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that specifically mention mobile health – the Independence at Home Demonstration Project and the Medicaid Health Home.

Those are rare gifts, Jarrin said, in a department that spends only \$5 million out of an almost \$800 billion budget on telehealth.

"That's what we have to work with," he said.

He also referenced roughly a half-dozen Congressional bills addressing telehealth, but noted that one focuses on the veterinary industry and another defines mobile health care as "any care in a movable vehicle."

As the day wore on, the workshop evolved into smaller round-table discussions in which the roadmap was put to use solving specific test cases.

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/healthcare-no-matter-where-youre-going-it-helps-have-map>

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- Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc. (BILS)
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- Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)
27 Smith St, #200, Brooklyn, NY 11201
TEL [718 998-3000](tel:7189983000) / TTY [718 998-7406](tel:7189987406) / FAX [718 998-3743](tel:7189983743)
- Center for Independence of the Disabled in NY (CID-NY) (Manhattan)
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TEL 212-222-7122 / Sorenson VP 646-755-3092 / Relay 866-326-5876 / FAX 212-222-7199
info@hilc.org
- Staten Island Center for Independent Living (SIILC)
470 Castleton Ave, Staten Island, NY 10301
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- Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL) (Nassau Co)
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2111 Lakeland Ave, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
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- Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) (Westchester/White Plains)
200 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY 10601
TEL 914-682-3926 / TTY 914-682-0926 / Sorenson Video Phone 866-933 5390 / FAX 914-682-8518
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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](#).

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Center For Family Life Employment, Maria Ferreira
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718-633-4823

El Barrio's Operation Fight, Gustavo Rosado
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212-410-7900

Fifth Avenue Committee, Aaron Shiffman
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718-237-2017

Goldenhearts Elderly Care Services, Geanette Browder
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Kingsborough Comm. College, Marisa Joseph
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Contact: Anna Basel - Owner
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