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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

This week I expanded my advertising campaign. In addition to the Able Newspaper advertisement I started running a "help wanted" advertisement in Craig's List to increase the number of PCA Candidates.

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.

Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 12:16:34

Personal Assistant Candidate: Erica Gonzalez - ericag63@gmail.com

Address1: 335 Sutter Ave Brooklyn, NY 11212

Phone: (347)493-9156

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Seniors,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Other Experience

Other Experience: diabetics, cancer

Special Diets: experience with regular, low sodium and liquid

Languages: Spanish

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

Hours: 8 Days: 5-6 Start Time: 9am

Friday, March 11, 2011 at 14:23:09

Personal Assistant Candidate: Angelmarie Alcantara - angelmarie.alcantara@ymail.com

Address1: 1020 Boynton Ave, Apartment 1D Bronx NY 10472

Phone: 6463192488

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Children,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,, Languages

Special Diets: for patient with diabetes

Languages: Spanish & English

Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,

Hours: 8 Days: 6 Start Time: 6am

Monday, March 14, 2011 at 00:03:28

Personal Assistant Candidate: Michelle Felix - mfelix24@hotmail.com

Experience: Personal Care / Home Health,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

Languages: French/Creole, Spanish

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

Hours: 8-12 Days: 5 Start Time: 8-9am

Comments: HI MY NAME IS MICHELLE FELIX AND I HAVE BEEN IN THE HEALTHCARE FIELD AS A PCA FOR 25 AND 1/2 YEARS. I HAVE WORKED WITH ALL TYPES OF PATIENTS WITH VARIOUS HEALTH ISSUES. I AM ALSO FLUENT IN FRENCH/CREOLE AND SPANISH. I AM HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ANY AGENCY. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 718-216-7674/718-321-0982. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY, MICHELLE FELIX

Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 16:15:04

Personal Assistant Candidate: Marie Simplicie - esimplie@nyc.rr.com

Address1: 142-19 254th Street Rosedale

Phone: [\(718\)527-0879](tel:7185270879)

Experience: Personal Care / Home Health,, Children,, Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs, Other Experience, Languages

Other Experience: Seniors care. Babysitter, Freelance linguist

Special Diets: Low fat --- Low sodium meals preparation, Fluid restrictions

Languages: French – English - Creole

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

Hours: 8 Days: 5 Start Time: Open

Comments: I have been a stay at home Mother for several years but I used to work for an agency as a PCA.I lost my certificate, I'm willing to get the training to be certified again. I also have my High School Diploma

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

The Center for Disability Rights' Testimony to the Joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees Hearing on Health/Medicaid

March 3, 2011 The disability rights community has been calling for redesign of Medicaid in New York for more than a decade. No one understands the impact of this system better because we see it first hand. It not only wastes taxpayer money, but steals our freedom by needlessly forcing some seniors and people with disabilities into nursing facilities and institutions. In fact, according to the latest report from Thomson Reuters, based on CMS figures, New York spends more per capita on nursing facility placement than any other state.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.cdrnys.org/files/CDR-TestimonytoLegislatureonMedicaidfinal030311-LP.doc&ct=ga&cad=CACQARgBIAEoBDABOAFAp6rk6wRIAvgAYgVlbi1VUw&cd=iEpNM3nnaA&usg=AFQjCNHKLE00D7eJ61sZHIYJBM_GdGXejw

Cuomo Medicaid team continues after ethics claim: *Associated Press* MARCH 10, 2011, 2:20 P.M. ET - ALBANY, N.Y. — A proposal by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Medicaid task force to overhaul the expensive government health care system is now backed by the Medical Society of New York and being pushed to passage in the Legislature.

http://online.wsj.com/article/APbd16a75affc84bd9a6e4c79c57ad1f73.html?mod=WSJ_NY_LEFTAPHeadlines

Action Alert: Support Disability Advocates in Albany! Urge your legislators to Defend Our Freedom! Over 250 people with disabilities and attendants are rallying in Albany on Tuesday, March 15, to DEFEND OUR FREEDOM! The disability rights community is united in the face of harmful proposals and cuts to the services and supports needed to maintain our independence in the community.

<http://capwiz.com/rochestercdr/issues/alert/?alertid=35403501>

Advocates shut down Assembly - March 15, 2011 at 3:28 pm by Jimmy Vielkind, Capitol bureau About a dozen people in wheel chairs — who were gathered by the New York Association on Independent Living and the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association — have halted action in the State Assembly.

<http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/60655/advocates-shut-down-assembly/>

Disability Rights Advocates' 2011-12 Budget Recommendations – March 15, 2011. Over the last several weeks, the disability rights community has made every effort to play an active role in the public process for the redesign of New York State's Medicaid system. We presented a comprehensive proposal to save the State \$1 billion over five years in Medicaid costs by promoting the independence and integration of seniors and people with disabilities, yet none of our recommendations were included in the Executive Budget. The proposal is available on the New York Association on Independent Living's website: www.ilny.org. Save the state money and implement the Community First Choice Option <http://www.ncci-online.com/MRT%20Response.pdf>

Are Market-Oriented Economists Wrong About Health Care? Filed in [Health Alerts](#) on March 16, 2011 with [16 comments](#) Due mainly to pilot programs funded by the (not-very-right-wing) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and administered by the (not-very-right-wing) Medicaid bureaucracy, thousands of homebound, disabled patients are managing their own budgets. They can hire and fire the people who provide them with services and they can use the money they don't spend in other ways. Satisfaction rates in this program (called "[Cash and Counseling](#)" in most places) exceed 95% — something unheard of in any other health care program in the world. <http://healthblog.ncpa.org/wrong-about-health-care/>

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
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ashiffman@fifthave.org
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
Greg Ventura
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
gventura@hostos.cuny.edu
(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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Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service
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Our Planet Management Institute
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Kingsborough Community College
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718-368-5563

Mercy Center
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377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
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New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
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