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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

Managed Care: Although the Managed Care model has been successfully used in the primary care setting, this model can create a unique set of problems whenever it is applied to the long term care environment.

The problem with Managed Care arises from the funding assumptions that are central to this system. Typically, Managed Care programs apply a fixed number of dollars to cover all of the service needs for a specific period of time. An arrangement that can result in a financial shortfall whenever the service recipient needs or numbers exceed the levels originally anticipated. To manage this problem, the authorizing agency would have to use one, some or all of the following options. First, they can limit access to the long term care program to control the size of the population; second, they could reduce or eliminate support services (e.g. transportation) to reduce the average cost of the service; and third they could reduce the average number of home care hours provided to each Consumer.

At this point, it should be noted that the Managed Care model can be successfully applied to long term care (e.g. Independence Care Systems), it can offer Consumers a greater degree of flexibility not available in the traditional Medicaid system, and it is very attractive to legislators who may wish to cap the municipality's long term care expense.

Managed Care will remain an important part of the general health care environment and it will probably have a growing importance in the long term care setting. The problem that the community must confront is not whether there will be a Managed Care program, the problem that the community must address is the manner in which this model will be applied, and how will the needs of the Consumer population be protected.

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 24, 2011 at 13:22:14

Personal Assistant Candidate: Erica Gonzalez - Ericag63@gmail.com

Address1: 147-08 Francis Lewis Blvd Rosedale, NY 11422

Phone: [347-493-9156](tel:347-493-9156)

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

Languages: Spanish

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

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

Friday, March 25, 2011 at 00:37:55

Personal Assistant Candidate: Thiago Pereira - jamesappraiser@yahoo.com

Address1: 345 Anderson Ave Fairview-NJ-07022

Phone: [201 966 9357](tel:201-966-9357)

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Children,, Seniors,, Quadriplegia,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Languages

Special Diets: Special diet for Diabetic patient

Languages: Portuguese and Spanish.

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

Hours: 24 Days: 3-5 Start Time: ASAP

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

Health Commissioner Endorses New Federal Model to Help Elderly, Disabled New Yorkers to Remain in Their Homes ALBANY, N.Y. (March 18, 2011) - State Health Commissioner Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H., today endorsed the Community First Choice Option offered to states as part of federal health reform. This option will allow states to offer enhanced personal care services to help disabled and elderly New Yorkers stay in their homes.

http://www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/2011/2011-03-18_new_federal_model.htm

Defending Our Freedom in NYS (March 15th): Bruce Darling Wednesday, March 16th 2011 07:44 PM March 15th is the Ides of March, a day dedicated to the god Mars – the Roman God of War. So it's fitting that disability rights advocates and activists from all over New York State would spend the day DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM! About 250 disability advocates came to the Capitol yesterday and could not be missed wearing bright orange shirts that read "Our Homes, Not Nursing Homes" and "DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM". The day was organized by the New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL), the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS), and NYS ADAPT.

<http://www.dimenet.com/hotnews/archive.php?mode=P&id=7349>

Tell your state legislators to protect people with serious illnesses and disabilities NYS budget decisions being made this week Many of the New York state budget proposals would limit access to Medicaid care and services causing harm to the health of Medicaid beneficiaries and resulting in a need for more expensive care. Click on Take Action to send an e-mail to tell your Assembly member and Senator. <http://capwiz.com/cidny/issues/alert/?alertid=37122501&queueid=6644755756>

Joint Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program [CDPAP], 10 NYCRR 505.28. The undersigned organizations and individuals submit these comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking dated September 29, 2010. Our comments address the following issues:

1. Support of expansion of family members who may be CDPAP attendants
2. The Eligibility Requirement that a CDPAP Consumer Must Have a Stable Medical Condition Violates the Objectives of the CDPAP Statute and is Bad Policy.
3. Determination of Whether CDPAP Can Reasonably be Expected to Maintain Health & Safety Must Take into Account Other Available Service
4. Task Based Assessment Must be Prohibited for Consumers Determined to Have 24-Hour Needs
5. Continuous 24-hour Assistance should not be limited to people who need “total assistance”
6. Maintain Consumer’s Flexibility over Scheduling Authorized Hours
7. Mandate Timely Processing of CDPAP Applications
8. More Due Process Protections Needed in Reauthorization Process
9. Incorporate Past Guidance Permitting CDPAP Attendants to Drive CDPAP Consumers
10. Mandate Notice of Availability of CDPAP

<http://www.empirejustice.org/assets/pdf/policy-advocacy/comments/cdpap-comments.pdf>

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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Queens Community House
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Center For Family Life Employment
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Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
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