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To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.consumerdirectedservices.com) offers this FREE Newsletter and the FREE Service to Consumers and Personal Assistant Candidates.

- **Consumers / Advocates** To receive a Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include 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 or Request a Newsletter](#). When your information is received it will be distributed to all of the Candidates and the other email Database 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](#).
- **Archives** 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.consumerdirectedservices.com) home page.
- **371 Personal Assistant Candidates have been enrolled in the Consumer Directed Services database, as of the above date.** 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.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

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Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State - Michelle's Story

With the CDPAP, I am in complete control of my own healthcare! I receive the one on one care that I need 24 hours a day. I hire the Personal Care Assistants (PCAs), or the people I choose to take care of me. I schedule them according to my needs, and I train them to fulfill my needs, as I like them done. I used to feel like I was in a broken body and just watched everyone live their lives around me. Because of the CDPAP, not only do I now have a life, and one with my daughter, but I'm finally able to give my mom her life back! Since receiving the CDPAP I have accomplished so much! I'm using the freedom this program has given me to help free others who either face institutionalization, as I once did, or who are currently living in nursing homes, yearning to be at home. I was crowned Ms. Wheelchair New York in 2010. I used my title and crown as a megaphone, advocating local, state, and nation-wide! I appeared on and in the news as much as possible getting the word out that people should have the choice to live in a nursing home, or to stay at home, receiving the home and community based services they need, including CDPAP. My daughter also helps advocate with me, as people need to see how much of an impact this program has, not only on the disabled person, but on our families. National Public Radio (NPR) broadcasted our story nation-wide in December 2010. http://cdpaanys.org/story_michelle.html

PCA Candidates

Consumer - To consider any of the following PCA Candidates, please contact the Candidates directly. To send an email the currently enrolled Personal Assistant Candidates please go to the [Consumer Directed Services](#) website and complete the form at the following link [Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate or Request a Newsletter](#).

Personal Assistant Candidate - To add your information to the next Newsletter and Database, go to the [Consumer Directed Services](#) website and complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#).

foteh06@yahoo.com on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 09:39:23

Personal Assistant Candidate: Foteh Zohidov

Address1: 97-11 63rd Drive A7

Address2: Rego Park NY 11374

Phone: [3478395881](tel:3478395881)

Best Time: 12pm-3pm

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,, Other,

Description of Special Diets: diabetic

Description of Languages: English Russian

Description of Other: 6+ years experience

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

Hours per Week: 30

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 10am

Days I Would Like to Work: Mon, Tues, Wen, Thurs, Friday.

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$16

Comments: I have CNA, EKG, Phlebotomy, HHA, License and Certificates With over 6 years experience still present.

nilda0204@aol.com on Sunday, April 8, 2012 at 23:29:24

Personal Assistant Candidate: Ermenilda Rodriguez

Address1: 1131 manor avenue, Bronx, NY

Phone: [347-944-4361](tel:347-944-4361)

Best Time: after 1pm

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments /

Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,
Description of Languages: English/spanish
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,
Hours per Week: 25
Days per Week: 6
Preferred Start Time: pm
Days I Would Like to Work: MONDAY-SATURDAY
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: YES
Target Salary Per Hour: 15
Comments: I am experienced in the human service field.

patrilla101@hotmail.com on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 13:10:12

Personal Assistant Candidate: cindy clarke
Address1: 469 e 98 st
Address2: 2b
Phone: [7185066116](tel:7185066116)
Best Time: [7185066116](tel:7185066116)
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 60+
Days per Week: 7
Preferred Start Time: asap
Days I Would Like to Work: any
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 11
Target Salary Per Day: 150

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

Innovation Driving Value in U.S. Healthcare

Healthcare reform has many labels, but rarely is it tagged as “data or technology driven.”. The **promise** of the Affordable Care Act is that for the first time the law creates a forum for change through refocusing resources on the outcome, known as “**value based**” rather than “**volume based**” **medical services**. The newly launched Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation will evaluate payment reforms and healthcare delivery solutions that can leverage health IT infrastructure to better coordinate care for our most vulnerable patients.

In addition, ACA sets up **Independence at Home Demonstration Projects** to bring a coordinated team into the home to make old fashioned house calls with a twist. The nurses, doctors and therapists are required to use health IT to ensure that patient data is available to all providers -- whether treatment is provided in the hospital or at home. The goal is to decrease costs and increase the ability for patients to remain at home.

<http://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/us/en/documents/white-papers/innovation-driving-value-in-us-healthcare-paper.pdf>

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Supreme Court hears oral arguments on Affordable Care Act

Fate of pharmacy-friendly provisions depends on constitutionality of individual mandate, severability of mandate from the entire law.

The [U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments](#) on the constitutionality of the health care reform law (Affordable Care Act) on March 26–28.

Counsel made presentations to the court on March 26 on the Tax Anti-Injunction Act issue, March 27 on the individual mandate issue, and March 28 on both the issue of “severability” of the individual mandate from the entire law and the Medicaid expansion issue.

As pharmacists have learned from initial news reports, the individual mandate may be in trouble. The question of severability—the extent to which the rest of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) must fall if the individual mandate is ruled unconstitutional—is murky.

“If the individual mandate is ruled unconstitutional, then the implications for pharmacy depend on whether or not other parts of the law also fall because they are [determined by the court to be] dependent on the mandate,” Brian Gallagher, BSPharm, JD, APhA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, told pharmacist.com. “If the whole law falls, then the many pharmacy-friendly provisions in the act will also fall.”

The main pharmacy-friendly provisions are the numerous opportunities for medication therapy management (MTM), including the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and the MTM grant program. Other pharmacy-friendly provisions include the independence at home demonstration project, accountable care organizations, and medical homes, according to Gallagher.

http://www.pharmacist.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Pharmacy_News&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=28220

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Health Care Reform - Now What?

Intensive media reporting over the past several weeks on the arguments in the Supreme Court on the validity of the Affordable Care Act has healthcare providers wondering "what happened and what does it mean for me and my organization?"

What Happened?

Prior to the oral argument in the Supreme Court, only one circuit court of appeals had held that a portion of ACA (the mandate to purchase health insurance) was unconstitutional, and that decision was a narrow 2-1 vote and expressly rejected invalidating any other provisions of the legislation. The constitutionality of ACA, with the mandate, had been upheld by numerous other courts. Accordingly, many legal scholars and those with Supreme Court experience generally predicted that the constitutionality of the ACA would be affirmed.

However, tough questioning by several of the justices thought to be key members in determining the constitutionality of the law has caused many of those scholars to question their earlier predictions.

What It Means and What You Should Do

If the Court were to rule against the government, it could (a) invalidate the mandate to purchase health insurance and nothing else, (b) invalidate the mandate and the guaranteed issue and community rating provisions that are most closely connected with the mandate, (c) invalidate the mandate as well as the rest of ACA on the premise that Congress would not have passed the legislation without the mandate and/or (d) invalidate the Medicaid expansion.

Independence at Home Under an Adverse Supreme Court Ruling

The Independence at Home (IAH) program is in a stronger position relative to other programs authorized by ACA for the following reasons:

- IAH is in no way related to the individual mandate, and the prevailing view is that the Court is less likely to invalidate unrelated provisions of the ACA legislation (although it is possible).
- CMS could implement the IAH demonstration under their general authority to conduct demonstration programs. (This is particularly a likely course of action since implementation has begun and Acting Administrator Tavenner and others in CMS seem favorably disposed toward the program.)
- IAH has enjoyed strong bipartisan support in Congress and was embodied in standalone bills in the House and the Senate (H.R. 2560, S. 1131), while other programs (e.g., Shared Savings, bundling, Patient Centered Medical Home) were not.
- IAH has a strong record of significantly reducing health care costs where they are the highest, and health care costs are likely to increase dramatically if the ACA legislation is invalidated. If CBO or the CMS Actuary conclude that IAH generates any significant savings, it will be enacted as a permanent Medicare benefit quickly.

<http://www.pahomecare.org/links/articles/health-care-reform---now-what.html>

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
Evan Hess
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
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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
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718-723-6170

Center For Family Life Employment
Maria Ferreira
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232
mferreira@cflsp.org
718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
Greg Ventura
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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Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
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Our Planet Management Institute
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Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
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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
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