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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

As one of my relatives once said "Traffic builds Business," a phrase that can easily be applied to Consumer Directed Services and this newsletter.

When I created this newsletter, I believed that I could encourage the flow of traffic by expanding the available email list, and by advertising in both ABLE Newspaper and Craig's List, but to move this effort forward, the help from Consumers and Advocates, will be necessary and welcomed.

If you know of a Consumer or Advocate who is not receiving the newsletter, a PCA Candidate in search of a new job or an Employment Resource you have found useful in the past, please share this newsletter with them and encourage them to add their name to the email list.

Information is the coin of the realm, and the sharing of information about the program, information about the funding streams that support the program and information that can help Consumers find PCA Candidates, is an important way to make the CDPAP even more successful.

Thank you for your Interest and Participation.

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. To consider the employment of a PCA Candidate, please contact the Candidate directly.

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 10:27:45

George Liggins, Home 718-329-2007, cell. ph. #917-572-6075

Experience: Working with elderly and physical disabled

He can work 8-10 hours, for a Male or Female Consumer in Any Borough

He has worked in Concepts and ICD, in a Senior Citizen Center and he helped out at a DIA meeting serving people with food...

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 15:12:46

Personal Assistant Candidate: Eois (Lois) Williams mwilliamsburg2@aol.com

Address1: 115 South 8th Street Brooklyn New York 11211

Phone: [\(718\) 406 - 5749](tel:7184065749)

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Children,, Teens,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,, Languages

Special Diets: low salt - Diabetic

Languages: English and Spanish

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

Hours: 24 Days: 5 -7 Start Time: 8 AM

Comments: I do not drive but if placed on live in can stay long periods.

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 05:32:14

Personal Assistant Candidate: Alicia Calle aliossa950@aol.com

Address1: 201W 106ST APT12 New York, NY 10025

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Languages

Languages: Spanish, English

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

Hours: 8 Days: 3 Start Time: 7am 3pm

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

Guest essay: NY Medicaid changes mean higher costs, fewer freedoms

Michelle Fridley [Messenger Post](#) Posted Apr 10, 2011 @ 12:38 PM Canandaigua, N.Y. — [Medicaid needs to be fixed](#); however, [Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal](#) to put the Consumer Directed Personal Care Program (CDPAP) into Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) makes things worse. It denies people like myself our independence, and denies Medicaid the savings that the CDPAP was designed to create. <http://www.brightonpittsfordpost.com/highlight/x675828605/Guest-essay-NY-Medicaid-changes-mean-higher-costs-fewer-freedoms>

Snakes in the Grass: The Implications of Medicaid Reform Wilcenski & Pleat PLLC Special Needs Estate Planner A Newsletter for Individuals with Disabilities, Their Families, and Their Advocates April 2011 Most of our readers know that the recently enacted New York State budget includes many significant changes to the Medicaid program, changes that leave many concerned about the long-term implications for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Like it or not, ours remains a largely Medicaid driven service delivery system, and changes in the way Medicaid-funded care is financed and delivered will have a direct bearing on the quality of the lives of our family members with disabilities

<https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=763478d4d3&view=att&th=12f4533b2a1e0eaa&attid=0.1&disp=attd&zw>

State clarifies Medicaid rules for people traveling with assistance [Messenger Post](#) Posted Apr 14, 2011 @ 07:16 PM The New York State Department of Health yesterday released a statement clarifying Medicaid regulations allowing people who receive Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) services to travel out of state with the assistance of those services.

<http://www.brightonpittsfordpost.com/latestnews/x2022724072/State-clarifies-Medicaid-rules-for-people-traveling-with-assistance>

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program: The Home Care Registry, Criminal History Background Checks and "Traditional" Personal Care Overlap Consumers are suffering and Medicaid is paying for it.: There is a fundamental lack of direction for Licensed Home Care Services Agencies (LHCSA) that contract with districts to provide the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). Through consumer complaints, CDPAANYS discovered that several LHCSAs are applying the Home Care Registry, Criminal History Background Checks and other non-CDPAP standards to this self-directing model. As a consequence, many self-directing individuals are being denied substantive access to CDPAP as mandated by Section 365-f1 of Social Services Law and the Medicaid program is being "overcharged."

[http://edlitcher.hypermart.net/CDPAANYS Registry - Background Checks \(4-14-2011\).pdf](http://edlitcher.hypermart.net/CDPAANYS Registry - Background Checks (4-14-2011).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
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
ebofb413@aol.com
212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
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Kingsborough Community College
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Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
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NYC Technical College Placement Office
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