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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

Have a great Week, Passover and Easter.

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.

Friday, April 22, 2011 at 10:43:31

Personal Assistant Candidate: Jean Underdue - custardapple27@yahoo.com

Address1: 16337 130th Avenue, Apt 9G, Jamaica, NY 11434

Phone: [347 894-9141](tel:3478949141)

Fax: 347 894-91412

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

Special Diets: Low sodium

Languages: English

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

Hours: 12 Days: w/e Start Time: 8.00 am

Comments: Looking for WEEKENDS 10-12 hours starting from as early as 8:00 a.m. I am also a licensed driver with a car.

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

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) Services Provided Out of State - It is the policy of the Department that the CDPAP consumer is not prohibited from traveling out of state for a temporary absence and having the CDPAP personal assistant accompany the consumer to provide assistance with the approved tasks listed on the consumer's CDPAP plan of care.

http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/publications/docs/gis/11oltc004.pdf

Urge Senate Finance Committee and Your Senators to Fight Medicaid Cuts - The recent budget proposal passed by the U.S. House of Representatives would seriously undermine Medicaid, cutting the program by a total of \$772 billion from the current funding level. That's a 35 percent reduction. In addition, the proposal would cap the reduced amount of funding as a block grant. If enacted, the States would have to implement additional cuts or provide additional state funding to make up for the lost federal funds. States are faced with significant budget shortfalls now, so it's clear that this approach would mean that states would eliminate Medicaid services, cap enrollment, and impose high premiums and co-payments for Medicaid beneficiaries.

<http://capwiz.com/rochestercdr/issues/alert/?alertid=42880501&queueid=6779389266>

Letter: Merging medical programs would cost more - By Michael LeRoy [Messenger Post](#) Posted Apr 21, 2011 @ 10:47 AM - I am a quadriplegic who utilizes the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) through Medicaid. I understand that Medicaid needs to be fixed. It is important we provide the best care in the most efficient manner. The problem is, when you really break down the numbers, merging CDPAP into the Managed Long Term Care Program (MLTC) doesn't save money; it actually costs more. [http://www.websterpost.com/opinion/x215596758/Letter-](http://www.websterpost.com/opinion/x215596758/Letter-Merging-medical-programs-would-cost-more)

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NYS RELEASES REGS 15 YEARS AFTER HOME CARE PROGRAM BEGAN - Victory for Disability Rights Advocates - (Rochester, NY): Disability rights advocates applaud the state for formally releasing regulations for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), a home care program that has been in existence since 1995. CDPAP has been operating under the auspices of the traditional personal care program; however, CDPAP differs dramatically from traditional personal care in that it empowers consumers to manage their services.

[http://cdrnys.org/files/Media%20Release%20-](http://cdrnys.org/files/Media%20Release%20-%20NYS%20releases%20regs%20after%2015%20yrs%20-%20Apr%2021%202011.pdf)

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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](#).

Fifth Avenue Committee
Aaron Shiffman
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718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Alba Silva
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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
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
ebobf413@aol.com
212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
kwilson@bronxworks.org
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Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service
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Our Planet Management Institute
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212-269-4000

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu
718-368-5563

Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
meg@mercycenterbronx.org
(718) 993-2789

New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu
(718) 260-5050

Blessed Healthcare Staffing Agency
Tisha Thomas
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