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

- [Consumers / Advocates](#)

- To receive a copy of the weekly 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](#) website and complete the form at the following link [Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate](#). When your information is received it will be distributed to all of the Candidates and the other email Database Resources. As of the above date, **419 Personal Assistant Candidates** have been enrolled in the Consumer Directed Services database.

- [Personal Care Assistant \(PCA\) Candidates](#)

To include your information in the 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](#).

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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you wish to remove your address from this list, please contact send an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

Legal issues affecting elderly and disabled New Yorkers

From Selfhelp Community Services

We have some updates to share on legal issues affecting elderly and disabled New Yorkers.

Class Action Lawsuit Challenging Personal Care Reductions

Three disabled Medicaid recipients have filed a class action in federal court in Manhattan to stop reductions in the personal care services that allow them to continue to live at home. The individuals affected are among the most disabled Medicaid recipients, who all require care at home both day and night, and who have been receiving care at this level, often for many years. The care is called "split-shift" care because it is provided by two attendants, one during the day and one at night. Click here to see the [class action complaint](#) . (S.D.N.Y. Docket No. No. 12 CV 3216 - SAS)

The NYC Medicaid Home Care Services Program has been aggressively seeking reductions and

discontinuances of 24-hour personal care services, without any change in law or regulation requiring such actions. As a result, home care advocates (including EFLRP) have been busy fighting these determinations in fair hearings. These appeals are mostly favorable, but have not stemmed the tide of seemingly frivolous reductions/discontinuances by the City. We applaud Cardozo Bet Tzedek Legal Services, New York Legal Assistance Group, and JASA/Queens Legal Services for the Elderly for bringing the lawsuit challenging these actions. [Learn more here..](#)

State Issues Amended Proposal on Managed Care for All Dual Eligibles

On May 17, 2012, consumer advocates filed comments on New York State's amended proposal to coordinate and integrate care for all dual eligibles. The comments filed by Medicare Rights Center, the Center for Disability Rights, Center for Independence of the Disabled NY, Community Services Society of NY, Empire Justice Center, Legal Aid Society, New York Association on Independent Living, and Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. are [posted here](#). The comments raise many concerns about the "passive enrollment" model, in which individuals will be automatically assigned to a fully-capitated managed care plan with the right to opt-out. Other concerns are voiced about adequacy of the plan's networks of providers -- will people with chronic health conditions have access to specialists they need? Also discussed are oversight and accountability, grievance and hearing rights, contracting requirements and payment models to incentivize adequate care, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. [Learn more here....](#)

Updates on Managed Long-Term Care

Selfhelp's legal advocates have remained active in helping to shape the implementation of mandatory Managed Long-Term Care. As of today, [the State still intends to begin sending notices to current recipients of Personal Care Services in Manhattan starting July 1st](#), informing them that they have 60 days to enroll in an MLTC plan or one will be randomly assigned, even though the Federal government has not approved the State's plan. Under the current roll-out schedule, the CASA offices in NYC will stop accepting new applications on July 1, and will instead refer inquiries to the enrollment broker, NY Medicaid Choice, to help individuals select an MLTC plan. Other boroughs and services will receive notices in the Fall and Winter of this year.

Today we learned that a preliminary letter will be sent to all current recipients of Personal Care Services in Manhattan below Central Park starting next week. This letter will state that the consumer does not need to take any action right now, but to keep an eye out for his or her personal enrollment notice. The State has promised to make a copy of this letter available on their website next week. Drafts of the enrollment notices are also available online.

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<http://www.disablednyc.com/showthread.php?t=2080>

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](#).

fritzna13@hotmail.com on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 18:00:32

Personal Assistant Candidate: Fritzna Dorcil

Address1: 915 East 80th Street Apt. 1

Phone: [646-353-3435](tel:646-353-3435)

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Languages

Description of Languages: French

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

Hours per Week: 84

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 06/06

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Sunday

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: only in weekend

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

Target Salary Per Day: 120

Target Salary Per Week: 840

Comments: housekeeping ,insulin giving ,Hoyer lift

fritzna13@hotmail.com on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 18:22:21

Personal Assistant Candidate: Patrick Dorcil

Address1: 915 East 80th Street Apt. 1

Phone: [347-587-5667](tel:347-587-5667)

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,,

Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Languages

Description of Languages: Creole, French ,English

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

Hours per Week: 84

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: anytime

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Sunday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 12

Target Salary Per Day: 144

Comments: I am certified

evensnoelizaire@live.com on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 18:19:04

Personal Assistant Candidate: Evens Noelizaire

Address1: 115-17 169th Street

Address2: Jamaica , Queens 11434

Phone: [3473580295](tel:3473580295)

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Languages

Description of Languages: Creole, French ,English

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

Hours per Week: 84

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: anytime

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Sunday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 84

Target Salary Per Day: 144

Target Salary Per Week: 840

Comments: I am not certified but i have a lot of experience

fivecats6940@yahoo.com on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 20:12:06

Personal Assistant Candidate: Kathleen Collins

Address1: 69-40 Hillmeyer Avenue

Address2: Apt 1

Address3: Arverne NY 11692

Phone: [347 246 6862](tel:3472466862)

Best Time: mornings

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,
Description of Special Diets: kosher, diabetic
Description of Languages: English only
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 60
Days per Week: 7
Preferred Start Time: 8 am
Days I Would Like to Work: Sunday thru Saturday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 12.00
Target Salary Per Day: 120.00
Target Salary Per Week: 600.00
Comments:
Progressive Home Health Services
132 West 31 Street New York, NY 10001 - [212 273-5500](tel:2122735500).
Gurwin Home Health Services
147 Main Street Hempstead, NY 11550 - [516 539 2300](tel:5165392300).
Best Care Home Health Agency
5-9 W. Union Square New York, NY 10003 - [212 366 5050](tel:2123665050).

yellowbriccs@gmail.com on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 18:48:02

Personal Assistant Candidate: Barkiem Barnes
Address1: 3808 Beach Channel Drive
Address2: Far Rockaway NY 11691#2E
Phone: [718-758-5150](tel:7187585150) or [201-640-4017](tel:2016404017)
Best Time: anytime
Gender: Male
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 40
Days per Week: 7
Preferred Start Time: 7am
Days I Would Like to Work: any
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00
Comments: i have done PCA work in home care for 1yr. i am a very caring and passionate person who cares for others and i love to help people.

s.dlamini81@yahoo.com on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 17:40:31

Personal Assistant Candidate: Sanelisiwe Dlamini
Address1: 81 Hudson Avenue
Address3: Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: [646-823-6518](tel:646-823-6518)
Best Time: 12 pm
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,,
Languages
Description of Special Diets: low sodium, low fat, diabetic diet
Description of Languages: English and Zulu
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,
Hours per Week: 40
Days per Week: 5
Preferred Start Time: 10 am
Days I Would Like to Work: Monday - Friday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: no
Target Salary Per Hour: 10
Target Salary Per Day: 110
Target Salary Per Week: 400

CONTESSANICOLE1984@YAHOO.COM on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 23:51:27

Personal Assistant Candidate: Nicolette DiCaprio
Address1: 80 Osborn Street
Address2: Brooklyn ,NY
Phone: [347-627-9939](tel:347-627-9939)
Best Time: ANYTIME
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 27
Days per Week: 3
Preferred Start Time: 9AM
Days I Would Like to Work: FRIDAY,SATURDAY AND SUNDAYS
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: YES WEEKENDS
Target Salary Per Week: 250

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

HHS Announces Funding to Help Seniors, People with Disabilities Access Long-Term Services & Supports

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced \$25 million in funding under the [Affordable Care Act](#) to help states provide home and community-based [long-term services and supports](#) to seniors and people with disabilities. This funding will support [Aging and Disability Resource Centers](#) (ADRC) in nearly every state. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' will make an additional \$27 million available through [VA Medical Centers](#) to help Veterans with disabilities receive home and community-based services.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120531d.html>



Medicare Newsgroup

Understanding Medicare

Good Old-Fashioned Medicine? CMS Tests Home Visits for Chronically Ill - May 30, 2012

J. Duncan Moore Jr./For The Medicare NewsGroup and Kimber Solana/The Medicare NewsGroup

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) gives the CMS new authority to experiment with other models of care, such as accountable care organizations (ACOs), patient-centered medical homes and bundled payments. The act authorized establishment of the Innovation Center.

The United States needs to decide now “whether to make the commitment to adopt innovation that will fundamentally change the way we operate, change the way we deliver care, change the way we think about these organizations that we run,” said Richard Gilfillan, M.D., acting director of the Innovation Center, in a speech in January 2012. “CMS is our biggest healthcare provider and we aim for the Innovation Center’s work—changing payment from piecemeal fee-for-service to comprehensive patient-centered—will set the standard for the entire country.”

The Independence at Home project (which was co-sponsored by Oregon’s Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden), will target the “sickest and costliest” of Medicare beneficiaries, said Constance Row, executive director of the American Academy of Home Care Physicians (AAHCP), a group that advocates comprehensive primary care in patients’ homes.

“There are some 4 million very sick home-limited seniors in this potential market,” she said. “This is a way to give them what they want, which is to stay at home and get a higher quality of care. And it saves Medicare a lot of money.”

“There are a wide range of estimates out there. I would just say it’s in the billions (of dollars),” she said of the savings, citing the millions of homebound seniors in the United States and the high costs for emergency room visits to treat them.

The AAHCP estimated that the unsuccessful Independence at Home Act of 2009, the legislation on which the program is based, could have saved Medicare \$14 billion a year if it had passed.

The frail and chronically ill elderly who don't get to the doctor's office are some of the top utilizers of Medicare services. "What generally happens is they don't get in to see a doctor for several years, end up in crisis, then they end up in the ER or hospitals for lengthy stays," Hobbs said. "They're the people who cost the most."

The ACA provision that authorized the project is based on the Independence at Home Act of 2009, which was introduced by Wyden, but it didn't move past the Senate Finance Committee. According to the AAHCP, the legislation was to address the "number one cost and quality problem" faced by Medicare: Beneficiaries with multiple chronic diseases are among a small group of high-cost beneficiaries who account for over 65 percent of Medicare costs and have poor health outcomes.

<http://medicarenewsgroup.com/PrintView.aspx?Id=65ef6987-064e-4468-990c-d9312d9efbc1&ContentType=BlogPost>



HHS Evaluates Independent Living Options

[More Sharing Services](#)
[Share Payment Matters Newsletter](#)

June 1, 2012

By: [Sarah E. Swank](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced several initiatives under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that provide services and support to beneficiaries who would otherwise be confined to nursing homes or other institutions. These initiatives focus on either home-based or community-based solutions to ensure independence at home, while evaluating the quality of life and cost effectiveness of such care and services.

Ober|Kaler's Comments

HHS is now focusing attention on community-based and home-based services to assist Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to live at home rather in hospitals or nursing homes. The ACL will plan, manage, develop and raise awareness of comprehensive and coordinated systems of long-term services and supports independence especially in the elderly and disabled populations, while the Independence at Home Demonstration will test primary care based services. Under the Community First Choice benefit, states must meet several requirements to qualify, including establishing stakeholder councils and quality assistance systems, and collecting data for Federal oversight.

<http://www.ober.com/publications/1827-hhs-evaluates-independent-living-options>

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](#).

Blessed Healthcare Staffing Agency
Tissha Thomas
1 Belvedere Ave, Suite A, Farmingdale, NY 11735
tithomas@bhcsa.com
(631) 390-8646

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
kwilson@bronxworks.org
(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service
Leslie Klein
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
lklein@WeAreBCS.org
718-310-5600

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

El Barrio's Operation Fight
Gustavo Rosado
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
ebobf413@aol.com
212-410-7900

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
Greg Ventura
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
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(718) 518-4444

Fifth Avenue Committee
Aaron Shiffman
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718-237-2017

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
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718-368-5563

Konedu Home Care, LLC
Carie Jones Smith
140 Captain Thomas Blvd West Haven, CT 06516
helpingfamilies@koneduhomecare.com
Phone: [800 418-3299](tel:8004183299)

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
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Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Evan Hess
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