

June 15, 2012

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, **420 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

State begins sending letters to consumers affected by MLTC - 07 Jun, 2012

On June 6, 2012, the N.Y. State Dep't of Health released on its website copies of the first mailing that will be sent to consumers affected by the mandatory MLTC initiative.

As revealed in an Advisory Group conference call on May 31, the State is not waiting for CMS approval of its waiver amendment before starting its communications to consumers. This letter is purportedly being mailed this week to Manhattan recipients of Personal Care Services residing below Central Park. Here is an excerpt from the letter:

This is an important notice from the Medicaid Program. We are writing because you get home care or other long-term care services. The way you get these services will change in the next several months. To keep receiving your services, you will be required to join a Managed Long Term Care Plan.

The requirement that you must join a Plan is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). **You do not need to do anything at this time.** This letter is to tell you what this change means to you and how it will happen.

The mailing includes a list of all MLTC plans, including MAP and PACE. It also includes the toll-free number of the enrollment broker, NY Medicaid Choice, for consumers to call with questions about MLTC: **888-401-6582**.

The mailing will be sent in English and Spanish and also includes a card in 18 languages instructing people to call the toll-free number for assistance in their language.

- [Important Medicaid Notice](#) (PDF, 68KB, 2pgs.)
- [Aviso importante de Medicaid](#) (PDF, 100KB, 2pgs.)
- [List of New York City Managed Long Term Care Plans](#) (PDF, 8MB, 3pgs.)
- [Multi-Language Card](#) (PDF, 133KB, 2pgs.)
- [Envelope](#) (PDF, 111KB, 2pgs.)

As far as we know, this does not change the [previously proposed implementation timeline](#).

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<http://wnylc.com/health/news/35/>

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](#).

[\(krystalowens20@yahoo.com\)](mailto:krystalowens20@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 19:45:23

Personal Assistant Candidate: Krystal Owens
Address1: 756 E. Amherst st
Phone: [7164466554](tel:7164466554)
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Languages
Description of Languages: english
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,
Hours per Week: 25/4
Preferred Start Time: 8:00

Days I Would Like to Work: monday thur friday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 9.00

rildapcrossley@gmail.com on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 07:02:10

Personal Assistant Candidate: Rilda Royal
Address1: 3324 whiteplains road 2r
Address2: bronx new york
Address3: 10467
Phone: [646 286 1777](tel:6462861777)
Best Time: any time
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,
Description of Languages: English
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Days per Week: 12
Days I Would Like to Work: monday to friday
Target Salary Per Hour: 12
Comments: 1am a certified Home HEALTH Aid lam fully experienced.
as a caregiver i provide the highest quality of service

lurainescale@yahoo.com on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 14:27:57

Personal Assistant Candidate: Luraine Marcia Allison
Address1: 75 East 51Street
Address2: Apt 1F
Address3: Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203
Phone: [347-844-2405](tel:347-844-2405)
Best Time: any
Fax: n/a
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Other,
Description of Languages: English
Description of Other: Special needs child. Seniors with MS
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 36
Days per Week: 3
Preferred Start Time: any
Days I Would Like to Work: Thursday-Saturday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: no
Target Salary Per Day: 150.00
Comments: I am a certified HHA/PCA with 5 years experience. CPR certified. Newborn care specialist. High school diploma-pending.

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

For the sickest patients, Medicare tests home-based primary care in Portland

The Oregonian
2012-06-01

By Joe Rojas-Burke, The Oregonian, Portland, Ore.

June 1--In a given year, 10 percent of the people covered by Medicare account for nearly 60 percent of spending. A pilot project starting today in Portland aims to show that providing home-based primary care to Medicare patients with multiple chronic conditions can improve their health -- and save money.

Housecall Providers, a Portland-based nonprofit, is one of 16 medical groups chosen from more than 130 applicants to participate in the Independence at Home demonstration.

"There is a potential here to save billions of dollars," said Sen. Ron Wyden, who pushed to make the demonstration project part of the federal Affordable Care Act.

If such savings are possible, they will take years to accrue. The demonstration, which continues until May 31, 2015, limits enrollment to about 10,000 Medicare beneficiaries. To qualify, the patient must have multiple chronic diseases and disabilities and have been hospitalized and received rehabilitation services within the past 12 months.

A home-based primary care program started by the Department Veterans Affairs health system appears to have saved significant money. The VA says the program lowered the average annual cost of care for a patient with multiple chronic conditions from \$38,168 to \$29,036. Timely and well-coordinated primary care had the greatest effect on hospital spending, which fell from \$18,868 to \$7,026 per patient per year, a reduction of 63 percent. The VA has boosted enrollment to more than 24,000 people.

The Medicare Independence at Home program requires the home-visiting medical groups to meet fixed targets for service quality, patient satisfaction, and cost savings. Medical providers can earn incentive payments based on the amount of savings, but only if they exceed at least three of the six quality measures tied to payment.

http://www.pharmacynewsflash.com/vapharmacy/Story.nsp?story_id=173305958

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
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Center For Family Life Employment
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718-633-4823

El Barrio's Operation Fight
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Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
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