Note: Recently, a link to the Consumer list of Currently Available Jobs has been added to the Craigslist Advertisement. - Hopefully that will help

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Would this information help Consumers make a reasoned choice when they need to change Agencies

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On September 16, 2013 the New York State Department of State accepted the Certificate of Incorporation submitted by Consumer Directed Services, Inc. under section 404 of the Not-for-Profit Law. A certificate that included the following statement:

To insure that the corporation remains focused on the empowerment of the people being served, as the service population grows, the corporation will expand the Board of Director Membership to insure that a majority of its seats are held by people with disabilities.

We are pilgrims on a journey: we are travelers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load

Excerpt from - The Servant Song- Richard Gillard (1974)

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, Consumer Directed Services, Inc. created a FREE Employment Information Bridge between Consumers and Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates.
To search for a PCA Candidate complete the form at the following link Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate. When your information is received it will be enrolled in the email database, and posted on the website for a month, distributed to all of the members of the Consumer Directed Services database (Consumers, PCA Candidates, and a variety of other Employment Resources), and published in the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter for a month.

To just add your information to the Consumer Directed Services database, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include your name and the text Newsletter Request. When your information is received it will be enrolled in the email database and you will begin receiving future issues of the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and other emails related to the program's goal.

**Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates**

To include your information in the Newsletter and email database, complete the form at the following link: Look for a PCA Job (FREE) - New York City Metro. When your information is received, your information will be published in the Newsletter for a month, and you will begin receiving future issues of the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and other emails related to the program's goal. Also, to access our list of Currently Available Jobs, please use the following link: JOBS

Previously distributed Newsletters 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
Consumers Searching

Consumers Wanted: For an Employment Information Bridge to work it requires traffic to flow in both directions. If you are in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, you will eventually need to find a new Home Care Worker. And up to now you may have relied upon Friends, Family, an Agency or you may have chosen to put your own advertisement on the Internet (See the list of Internet resources on the PCA Employment Agency page of this newsletter). Therefore, to help you find the PCA Candidate of your choice, I urge you, to do everything you ordinarily do, to consider an Internet resource and to try www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com.

Finally, if you try Consumer Directed Services, please spread the word. Tell your friends and associates about this FREE service.

Sharon W. () on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 13:41:30

Neighborhood Name: South Salem, NY
City, Town or Borough: Westchester County
Available Transportation: Other Transportation
Description of Other Transportation: Must have car.
Phone: 347-798-8300
Public E-mail: cdpapsearchny@gmail.com
Consumer Age: Older than 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Seniors
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Hours: 12
Days: 7
Start Time: 8 AM
Description of Schedule: THIS IS A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME JOB DEPENDING ON CANDIDATE(S) SCHEDULE.
Pay Per Hour: 15.22
Comments: FAMILY SEEKS HOME HEALTH/PERSONAL CARE AIDE FOR ELDERLY MOM/GRANDMA IN SOUTH SALEM, NY (WESTCHESTER). RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE ASSISTING WITH DAILY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DRESSING, BATHING, LIGHT MEAL PREP, HOUSEKEEPING, MEDICATION REMINDERS, AND MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE. PATIENT IS OTHERWISE INDEPENDENT, LUCID AND SELF-DIRECTING. MUST BE WILLING TO WALK PATIENT’S ELDERLY, VERY SMALL,
VERY SWEET, DOCILE, HYPOALLERGENIC DOG WHO MOSTLY SLEEPS IN GRANDMA’S LAP ALL DAY. MUST HAVE CAR TO GET TO AND FROM WORK, TAKE PATIENT TO DR APPOINTMENTS AND DO SOME ERRANDS. EXPERIENCE WORKING AS A CONSUMER DIRECTED CAREGIVER (CDPAP) IS A PLUS. PATIENT IS APPROVED FOR 12-HOUR DAYS (INCLUDING WEEKENDS). THIS CAN BE A PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME JOB - LET US KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY SO WE CAN DETERMINE SCHEDULE. START DATE 8/1/2020 (CAN BE FLEXIBLE).

Serge Ciampa () on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 11:54:53

City, Town or Borough: Hastings, NY 10706
Available Transportation: Auto
Phone: 914-837-0854
E-mail: maxhouse333@gmail.com
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia

Comments: $180.00 to $270.00 per 12 hour shift + Paid time off. Interviewing for Home Health Aide / Personal Care Attendant. 12 Hour Day shift. 2 to 3 Day Minimum. Other 12 hr day and evening shifts may be available soon. Day shifts are 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Great Opportunity for a mature male or female with compassionate, enthusiastic work ethic to work with and care for an older disabled male in a clean, quite, safe environment without multiple family members, coworkers or children.

Ideally, prefer someone who lives close by to Hastings, North Yonkers, South Westchester County, North Bronx, 10706, has experience in Private Home Care and Nursing home / hospital care.

Certifications such as CNA, PCA, HHA, helpful but not always required, Can train the right individual.

Patient can self direct care but compassionate, cleanliness, attentiveness, initiative and cooperative personality with the right chemistry for both parties are critical.

Note: Please call or e-mail for details and more information.

MARIA () on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 06:50:31

Neighborhood Name: CANARSIE
City, Town or Borough: BROOKLYN
Available Transportation: Subway,, Bus,, Train,, Auto
Phone: 917-549-4352
Best Time: 10am-11pm
E-mail: SWANsx2@aol.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Other Employees
Description of Other Type of Candidates: ALL OF THE ABOVE
Candidate Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Paraplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters
Description of Languages: ENGLISH / SPANISH
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours: 12
Days: 4
Start Time: 8-8
Pay Per Hour: 15.50
Comments: SCHEDULES NOT LOCKED IN - ALL SCHEDULES FLEXIBLE
... NO UNIFORMS
... DRIVERS LICENSE IS A PLUS BUT NOT REQUIRED
... ***YOUR PHONE IS FOR YOUR PERSONAL TIME """"
... ***PLEASE DO NOT APPLY IF YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT COMING TO WORK
- THIS IS A REAL JOB - YOU ARE ESSENTIAL FRONT LINE PCA EMPLOYEES !!!!!!!!!!
DONT COMPROMISE, OR PUT YOUR CLIENTS IN DANGER OR HARM'S WAY, BY
NOT COMING IN, AND RANDOMLY CALLING OUT - THIS IS CRITICAL
... THANK YOU, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SPEAKING AND MEETING WITH YOU...
... BE BLESSED AND STAY SAFE ...

Brown () on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 17:56:43
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Available Transportation: Subway, Bus, Auto
Phone: 646-626-6754
Best Time: 9am-9pm
Consumer Age: Older than 70
Consumer Gender: Male
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Seniors
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity
Hours: 4-12
Days: 2-5
Start Time: am or pm
Pay Per Hour: 15.50
Comments: Tech savvy, good cook, cleaning and punctual.

Akeem () on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 15:04:16
Neighborhood Name: Soundview
City, Town or Borough: Bronx
Available Transportation: Subway, Bus
Phone: 347-605-2740
E-mail: Akkeyz@hotmail.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50
Consumer Gender: Male
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia, Wheelchairs
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Proof of Identity
Hours: 12
Start Time: 8 am
Description of Schedule: Looking for someone as a backup. Need someone on call for the mornings 8am to 8pm
Pay Per Hour: 15
Comments: Just need someone for backup who is reliable to show up when needed when someone else calls out.

M Houser () on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 09:07:44
City, Town or Borough: North Yonkers, South Westchester, NY
Available Transportation: Auto
E-mail: maxhouse333@gmail.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia
Required Documentation: Proof of Identity
Comments: CNA, HHA, PCA, Personnel Assistants (Hastings / North Yonkers / 10706)
$180.00 to $270.00 per 12 hour Per shift + Paid time off.
Interviewing for an in Home Private Caregiver, 12 Hour shift - 2 to 3 Day Minimum - Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday - Other 12 hr day and evening shifts may be available soon. Day shifts are 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Great Opportunity for a mature male or female with compassionate, enthusiastic work ethic to work with and care for an older disabled male in a clean, quite, safe environment without multiple family members, coworkers or children. No lifting. Patient has all necessary DME, Wheelchairs, “Roll-in” shower, Ceiling Hoyer Lift.

Ideally, Prefer someone who lives close by to North Yonkers, South Westchester County, North Bronx, 10706, has experience in Private Home Care and Nursing home / hospital care, Owns and Drives a Vehicle.

Certifications such as CNA, PCA, HHA, helpful but not always required, can train the right individual.

Patient can self direct care but compassionate, cleanliness, attentiveness, initiative and cooperative personality with the right chemistry for both parties are critical.

Would like applicant to be flexible and work with other Caregivers to provide backup in the very rare occasion the scheduled Assistant can not make it due to an emergency.

Please email or text your Resume, I.D., Phone Number and a Brief overview of your situation demonstrating your appropriateness for this position and we will reply with the care plan and specifics. Please include contact information and best time to call you.

Serious inquiries only.
M Houser
maxhouse333@gmail.com
914-837-0854

mscoulter () on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 14:29:00
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Neighborhood Name: Rockland County, NY
City, Town or Borough: Garnerville
Available Transportation: Bus, Auto
Phone: 845-446-3444
Best Time: 9am - 4pm
E-mail: mscoulter@aol.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Older than 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Other Employees
Description of Other Type of Candidates: All of the above
Description of Languages: English or Spanish
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Hours: 24
Days: 3
Start Time: 8:30 am
Pay Per Day: 162.50+
Comments: Looking for Housekeeping/Home Health Aide, English or Spanish speaking
(Garnerville, NY Rockland County) I am looking for Housekeeping/Home Health Aide,
English or Spanish speaking. This is for my mom who is bilingual and blind. She is not
incontinent, and does not have dementia. This will start as a temp job from 8:30am Friday
mornings until 8:30am Monday mornings, and eventually become permanent for at least 3 days
every other weekend. The candidate will be interviewed by me in advance. The candidate will
have to complete a registration packet with a CDPAP agency, and also complete a physical with
proof of MMR and PPD, have a Photo ID plus a Social Security Card or birth certificate. The
pay will start at $162.50 per day, plus a daily cash bonus. Certification is NOT required. Duties
include housekeeping, meal preparation, toileting, bathing, companionship, etc. I will be there
to show you everything. There is no heavy lifting required as she is mobile with a walker. You
will be participating in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). If you
are already registered with the participating agency, you may not need to do anything beyond
the interview to work for us. While this will start as a trial, it could definitely lead to steady
employment.

Please respond in private messaging only. Thanks!

Sharon () on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 10:43:15
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Neighborhood Name: Roosevelt Island
City, Town or Borough: NYC
Available Transportation: Subway (F), Bus (Q102), Tramway, and Ferry from Long Island
City, Astoria and Manhattan.
Phone: 212-758-1274
Best Time: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Weekend
E-mail: sstern1008@aol.com
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia, Wheelchairs
Description of Languages: English
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number
Description of Schedule: flex
Pay Per Hour: Determined by Agency
Comment: Although the salary and full benefit program is provided by Concepts of Independence, the Consumer will consider paying a salary bonus, depending upon the PCA’s willingness to remain on the job and their ability to do their job effectively.

sergecamp@optimum.net () on Monday, May 25, 2020 at 13:16:02
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City, Town or Borough: Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706
Phone: 914-837-0854
Best Time: Days
E-mail: sergecamp@optimum.net
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia,
Description of Schedule: 2 to 3 days minimum per week
Comments: Interviewing for Home Health Aide / Personal Care Attendant
$180.00 to $270.00 per 12 hour shift + Paid time off.
Interviewing for an in Home Private Caregiver.
12 Hour Day shift. 2 to 3 Day Minimum. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
Other 12 hr day and evening shifts may be available soon.
Day shifts are 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.
Great Opportunity for a mature male or female with compassionate, enthusiastic work ethic to work with and care for an older disabled male in a clean, quite, safe environment without multiple family members, coworkers or children.
Ideally, Prefer someone who lives close by to Hastings, North Yonkers, South Westchester County, North Bronx, 10706, has experience in Private Home Care and Nursing home / hospital care.
Certifications such as CNA, PCA, HHA, helpful but not always required,
Can train the right individual.
Patient can self direct care but compassionate, cleanliness, attentiveness, initiative and cooperative personality with the right chemistry for both parties are critical.
Note:
Please call or text 914-837-0864 or email sergecamp@optimum.net for details and more information.
PCA Information

Consumer Directed Services is not an Agency and makes no representation (positive or negative) regarding the appropriateness of any PCA Candidate, or the terms and conditions of any employment relationship. All employment and payment decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the Consumer.

Note: If you are seeking employment from a Consumer who is receiving their service authorization from a New York State Medicaid funded Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, the Consumer is permitted to consider your employment only if you can pass ALL of the following New York State reviews.
1. You are an adult of at least 18 years of age.
2. The Consumer is not your spouse or (if the Consumer is younger then 21) is not your child.
3. You do not live in the home of the Consumer (unless their service requires it).
4. You are not the Designated Representative (Surrogate) of the Consumer.
5. You do not have any financial control over the Consumer.
7. You have a verifiable Social Security number and the qualified documents needed to prove that you are eligible to work in the United States.

The State of New York also requires each Personal Care Assistant to complete a Health Assessment BEFORE you begin work.
The Health Assessment includes:
- A basic physical exam - blood pressure, height, weight, etc.
- A TB (Tuberculosis) Screen (PPD) or a chest x-ray if the test is positive or if the test would not be appropriate
- A Measles and Rubella Screen or Vaccine
- A drug test of Urine (forensic toxicology)
- Documentation of vaccination against influenza, or wearing of a surgical or procedure mask during the influenza season

In addition to the above New York State requirements, the municipality in which the Consumer lives may also impose additional health assessments or legal reviews. The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program your Consumer chooses will require the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (Consumer / Personal Care Assistant Agreement) to clarify the employment relationship, and they may require other documents to help them effectively complete their role as the Consumers Fiscal Intermediary.
Giulio Chiarello () on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 16:11:34

Address: 71-05 67th St
Phone: 646-756-0796
Best Time: anytime
E-mail: chgiulio@gmail.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Gender: Male
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No
Enrolled with a CDPAP: No
Experience: Children, Teens, Young Adults, Seniors, Paraplegia, Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, Amputation, Ventilators, Wheelchairs, Lifters, Other Equipment, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease, Visual / Auditory Impairments, Languages
Description of Languages: Italian; English; Español
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes
Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Certificate/License: Driver's License, Other
Description of Other Certificate/License: BACHELOR'S DEGREE in Physical Therapy - Master Degree in Respiratory Therapy
Hours per Week: 8/10
Days per Week: 6/7
Preferred Start Time: No Pref.
Days I Would Like to Work: No Preference
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: YES
Target Salary Per Hour: 20$
Comments: Under the supervision of Professor John R. Bach, MD, University Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, Training in the noninvasive respiratory management of patients with ventilatory pump failure, their extubation and tracheostomy tube decannulation to continuous noninvasive ventilatory support (CNVS) and use of mechanical in-exsufflation (MIE) to clear airway debris. My qualifications include Basic Life Support/Pediatric Basic Life Support, Rehabilitation after CoVid-19, Journal Article Publication.

Danielle Chaitkin () on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 16:50:48

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Address: 104 River Avenue Patchogue NY 11772  
Phone: 631-891-9381  
Best Time: Any  
E-mail: dmchtkn@gmail.com  
Email Authorization: Yes  
Gender: Female  
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health  
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes  
Consumer/Surrogate References Available: Yes  
Years Employed with a Consumer/Surrogate: 1(current)  
Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes  
CDPAP Agency Name(s): Direct Care (A&J Staffing)  
Experience: Children, Teens, Seniors, Wheelchairs, Other Equipment, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease, Special Diets  
Description of Special Diets: Low Sodium/ Low fat  
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes  
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes  
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes  
Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations  
Hours per Week: 18+  
Days per Week: 2-6  
Preferred Start Time: Any  
Days I Would Like to Work: Monday through Saturday  
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: Yes  
Target Salary Per Hour: 13

Nicole Ramirez () on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 08:58:16
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Address: 65 Gould Rd Centereach NY 11720  
Phone: 631-897-5447  
Best Time: Any  
E-mail: Nicole1979ramirez@gmail.com  
Email Authorization: Yes  
Gender: Female  
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health  
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes  
Years Employed with a Consumer/Surrogate: 2  
Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes  
CDPAP Agency Name(s): Concepts  
Experience: Seniors, Quadriplegia, Ventilators, Wheelchairs, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease
Description of Languages: English
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: No
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: No
Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity
Hours per Week: 10
Days per Week: 2-3
Preferred Start Time: 10am-3
Days I Would Like to Work: During the week
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: No
Target Salary Per Hour: $15

Patricia Wilson () on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 10:12:43
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Address: 75 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn New York 11225
Phone: home 718-940-7949 cell 347-295-5299
E-mail: wilsonpatricia3@gmail.com
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No
Enrolled with a CDPAP: No
Experience: Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes
Certificate/License: Personal Care,
Days per Week: 3
Preferred Start Time: anytime
Target Salary Per Hour: 16
Comments: i have over 30 years experience.
Westchester County Elder Law Attorney Anthony J. Enea Sheds Light on New Medicaid Home Care Eligibility Rules

Date: June 17, 2020 @ 11:15
Source: PR Newswire (US)

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., June 17, 2020 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- Significant changes to the New York Medicaid program will soon affect the ability of seniors to obtain the Medicaid home care services they need. Westchester County elder law attorney Anthony J. Enea, member at Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano, LLP in White Plains and Somers, N.Y., recently shed light on these changes – set to take effect on October 1, 2020 – including the imposition of a new 30-month look back period for Medicaid Home Care and modifications to the consumer-directed Medicaid program.

Historically, Medicaid home care applicants were able to make transfers of their assets to a Medicaid Asset Protection Trust and/or their children and loved ones without creating a look back period for Medicaid home care services. However, commencing on October 1, 2020, the same transfers will create a 30-month look back period for home care applications.

"For the longest time, New Yorkers were eligible for Medicaid home care services without having to worry about the five-year look back period required for the Medicaid nursing home program," said Anthony Enea, who has spent 35 years protecting the rights of seniors, the disabled and their families. "These new eligibility rules make asset protection planning an immediate need in order to access Medicaid home care in the near future."

The new look back period will be calculated the same way the penalty period is currently calculated for skilled nursing home level Medicaid. In the Northern Metropolitan area, the regional rate is $12,805 per month. To determine the length of an individual's penalty period, Medicaid divides the amount he or she transferred by the regional rate.

"It's now imperative that anyone who anticipates needing home care services in the next two or three years make an uncompensated transfer of assets to a Medicaid Asset Protection Trust..."
and/or an outright transfer of assets to others before October 1 in order to protect their assets," explained Enea.

Fortunately, the new rules left spousal refusal untouched. Thus, a married person can still transfer assets to their spouse and, if the spouse has assets and/or income above the permitted amounts, the spouse can execute a spousal refusal, allowing the ill spouse to be eligible for Medicaid. "It's important to note, however, that executing a spousal refusal gives the Department of Health the right to sue the refusing spouse for the value of the services provided by Medicaid. In recent years Medicaid has been much more aggressive in pursuing spousal refusal cases," said Enea.

Regardless of one's marital status, the changes in the rules illustrate the need for seniors to be proactive in making asset transfers, and starting both the 30-month look back for Medicaid home care and the 60-month look back period for Medicaid nursing home sooner rather than later.

Additionally, as part of the new law, Medicaid has tightened eligibility requirements for their Consumer Directed Home Care Program (CDPAP). This program, which allows an individual to hire a family member or friend to provide home care services, will soon require new applicants to need physical maneuvering assistance with more than two activities of daily living (ADL). A person with a dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis must at least need supervision with more than one ADL.

"We can't know what the future holds, but we can plan for it," said Enea. "With many recent changes in the law concerning Medicaid as well as the realities of the pandemic, now is an ideal time to get your legal matters organized so that you and your loved ones are protected."

A strong leader in Westchester's legal community, Anthony J. Enea is chair of the New York State Bar Association's Senior Lawyers Section and president of the Westchester County Bar Foundation. He was named Westchester County's Leading Elder Care Attorney at the Above the Bar Awards and Best Lawyers' 2019 Trusts & Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains. A past chair of the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section, Enea's practice areas include elder law; Medicaid asset protection trusts; Medicaid applications (home care and nursing home); special needs planning; guardianships (Article 81 and 17-A); and wills, trusts and estates.

Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano, LLP is located at 245 Main Street in White Plains, N.Y. with additional offices in Somers, N.Y. Elder law attorney Anthony J. Enea can be reached at 914-948-1500 or a.enea@esslawfirm.com. For the latest news, visit Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano online at http://www.esslawfirm.com.

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The "DIA Activist" News Letter can be found online at: http://largestminority.net/activist.html or https://www.disabledinaction.org/

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DIA Membership: A civil rights organization committed to ending discrimination against people with disabilities that believes in the motto, "Nothing about us without us!" Everyone is welcome. Your dues status is the date on your address label. Dues are $10-$25 based on what you can afford. Pay on the DIA web site by PayPal at www.disabledinaction.org. Pay by check or money order to DIA; Mail check to Disabled In Action, P.O. Box 30954, Port Authority Station, New York, NY 10011-0109. Write 2020 dues in the memo area. One-year membership spans the calendar year. Please update your E-mail Address and Phone Number - send this information to treasurer@DisabledInAction.org

If you're on Twitter or Facebook - http://www.twitter.com/DIA_NewYork

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Local Independent Living Centers

- Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc. (BILS)
  4419 Third Ave, #2C, Bronx, NY 10457
  TEL 718 515-2800 x 116 / TTY 718 515-2803 / FAX 718 515-2844

- Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)
  27 Smith St, #200, Brooklyn, NY 11201
  TEL 718 998-3000 / TTY 718 998-7406 / FAX 718 998-3743

- Center for Independence of the Disabled in NY (CID-NY) (Manhattan)
  841 Broadway, #301, New York, NY 10003
  TEL 212 674-2300 V / TTY 212-674-5619 / FAX 212-254-5953

- CID-NY/Queens
  137-02A Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354
  Phone: 646-442-1520 / Sorenson VP 866-948-1064 / TTY 718-886-0427 / Fax 718-886-0428

- Harlem Independent Living Center (HILC) (Manhattan)
  289 St. Nicholas Ave, #21 Lower Level, New York, NY 10027
  info@hilc.org

- Staten Island Center for Independent Living (SIILC)
  470 Castleton Ave, Staten Island, NY 10301
  TEL 718-720-9016 / TTY 718-720-9870 / FAX 718-720-9664

- Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL) (Nassau Co)
  3601 Hempstead Turnpike, #208, Levittown, NY 11756
  TEL 516-796-0144 / TEL (Espanol) 516-796-6176 / TTY 516-796-0135 / FAX 516-796-0529 licil@aol.com

- Self Initiated Living Options, Inc. (SILO) (Suffolk Co)
  2111 Lakeland Ave, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
  TEL 631-880-7929 / TTY 631-654-8076 / FAX 631-946-6377
  contact@siloinc.org

- Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) (Westchester/White Plains)
  200 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY 10601
  TEL 914-682-3926 / TTY 914-682-0926 / Sorenson Video Phone 866-933 5390 / FAX 914-682-8518

- Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc. (WDOM) Westchester/Yonkers)
  984 No. Broadway, #L-10, Yonkers, NY 10701
  TEL 914-968-4717 V & TTY / FAX 914-968-6137
Alternative Resources

The following resources MAY help Consumers find new Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates and manage the CDPAP. (Suggestions Welcome)

Employment

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

NYC Technical College Placement Office  
pdc@citytech.cuny.edu  
(718) 260-5050

Advertising

Able Newspaper  
Cost $5 for each 5 word line (or part) – 30days  
Phone: 516-939-2253 www.ablenews.com

Backpage - Basic Cost - Free (7 days)  
Available Updates - Auto Repost + Sponsor Ad (cost determined by number of weeks)  
http://newyork.backpage.com/MedicalHealthJobs/

Classified Ads, Cost Free  
http://www.classifiedads.com/post.php

Craigslist, Cost $45.00 (30 days)  
http://newyork.craigslist.org/

System Navigation

Homecare Planning Solutions  
718-215-0926  
Assistance with enrolling in a CDPAP, or questions about CDPAP, call to speak with a specialist. Never any charge for their help

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)  
ICAN helps people in New York’s Managed Care Plans  
Call (844) 614-8800 TTY Relay Service: 711  
http://icannys.org/

Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program  
Focus - Medicaid, Medicare, home care services, and public benefits issues affecting older adults & people with disabilities  
212.613.7310 Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
EFLRP@nylag.org
Draft - CDPAP Agency Data Collection Form

- Name of Agency
- Address
- Contact Person
- Contact Telephone
- Contact Email Address
- Website
- Counties Served
- Managed Care Providers
- Direct County or DSS Contracts
- Number of Years Providing Home Care Services
- Number of Years Providing Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services
- Percent CDPAP Consumers verses total Home Care Consumers.
- Will your agency be required to participate in the Electronic Visit Verification Program.

- Positions occupied by Consumers:
  1. Service Recipients
  2. Client Advisory Members
  3. Board Members
  4. Employees
  5. Other

- If Consumers are on the Board of Director, what portion of the Board is controlled by Consumers?

- Reason for becoming a CDPAP:
  1. The program is our primary mission.
  2. This program helps us to achieve the corporate goal of consumer empowerment.
  3. Consumers served by our traditional home care program requested this service.
  4. The program provided a more cost effective service solution for consumers with more complex service needs.
  5. This program allows us to diversify our mix of services.
6. This business model offered a lucrative opportunity that could benefit both the corporation and the consumers.

7. Other

- **Problems with the CDPAP (Besides inadequate reimbursement):**
  1. The model complicates the process of utilizing the corporation’s proven systems of quality and fiscal control.
  2. The model facilitates and encourages Consumer fraud and abuse.
  3. The model complicates the process of complying with and controlling new regulatory requirements, such as overtime, sleep-in, and joint employment.
  4. It is difficult to maintain a clear line of separation between agency and consumer responsibilities.
  5. The consumer’s problem of locating suitable PCA’s, and managing the delivery of services may make the program too difficult for some consumers.
  6. It is administratively difficult to manage the problem of collecting all of the required PCA documents without compromising consumer independence or program liability.

7. Other

- Why Should a Consumer choose your Agency?

- Other Comments about your Agency