

July 26, 2013

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) created a FREE Employment Information Bridge between Consumers and PCA 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](mailto:elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com) and include your name and the text **Newsletter Request**.
- To search for a New Personal Assistant go to the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) 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 PCA Candidates enrolled in the database and a variety of other Employment Resources.

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

To include your information in the Newsletter and Database, go to the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) website and complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#). As of the above date, 599 Personal Assistant Candidates have already been enrolled.

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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) home page.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](mailto:elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com).

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

### Notes

**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](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com). Finally, if you try Consumer Directed Services, please spread the word. Tell your friends and associates about this **FREE** service.

**Consumers Searching**  
**Should you require additional information**  
**Please Contact the Consumer Directly.**

**Nuria Chang on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 19:36:53**

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Consumer: Nuria Chang  
Address1: 135West 23rd Street  
Address2: New York, NY 10011  
**Phone: 646-415-8112**  
Best Time: from 2pm to 8pm  
Email Authorization: No  
Consumer Age: Between 35 and 50  
Consumer Gender: Female  
Payroll Method: Agency - Concepts of Independence  
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Attendant  
Candidate Experience: Young Adults,, Visual Impairments,, Languages  
Description of Languages: Bilingual - Spanish / English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female  
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations  
Hours: 7  
Days: 5  
Start Time: 9am  
Description of Schedule: Total 36 hours one hour extra on Friday  
Pay Per Hour: \$10 - determined by Concepts

Comments: I prefer a Candidate who is already employed as a PCA with Concepts and that they not have children.

I will provide information and training as it relates to my disability and the PCA / Home Attendant tasks I require.

In addition to this full time position, I am searching for a back-up PCA, so if you are not able to work as a full time employee, please call me to add your information to my back-up list.

**Alan Herzog - Tuesday, July 10, 2013 at 12:57:**

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Consumer: Alan Herzog  
Address1: 4-21 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102  
Phone: **718-545-0772** – Leave a voice message with best time to return call

Best Time: after 12pm

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health, and Domestic / Homemaking

Candidate Experience: Seniors, Total Blindness

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

Hours: 5 Days: 5 Start Time: 12pm

Description of Schedule: Monday thru Friday

Description of Schedule: I am looking for a back up PCA

Comments: My requirements include, cooking, cleaning, laundry, escorting me places such as the doctor's office or other places that I may need to go. I am totally blind and need someone who is willing to work with and learn about my special needs as a person who cannot see. The candidate must be willing to communicate with me by phone regarding job related issues. I require punctuality. This means that the PCA must be able to arrive on time when I call upon her to work, and they need to consider traveling time to when they are scheduled to arrive and leave work. I am authorized 25 hours a week - 5 hours a day, Monday through Friday. I am connected with Concepts of Independence, which means that I hire the person and she gets paid by Medicaid through Concepts. I would like to start out with someone that is already signed up with Concepts if it is possible but will not exclude someone who isn't. If you are not, you would need to be enrolled by Concepts and complete a physical examination. One of the special requirements I have is reading mail as I can't do it myself. Also, given my need to go to appointments, candidates with a car will get special consideration. As I said above, I am looking for a back up PCA, therefore I need someone who I can call upon with short notice as I may find out that my full time PCA cannot work either the day before or the same day. I know this is probably difficult but I can only work with the circumstances as they are presented to me.

**Jose Hernandez on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 12:24:09**

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Consumer: Jose Hernandez

Address 1: Bronx New York

**Phone: 347-591-4942**

Best Time: anytime

Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Young Adults,, Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,

Description of Languages: English or Spanish

Preferred Candidate Gender: Male

Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,  
Hours: 24  
Start Time: 8am  
Description of Schedule: sleeping in  
Pay Per Day: 136.95

Comments: I am looking for an individual who will be able to cover for my regular PCA when they have to call out this can also lead to a permanent position if the necessity arises. The person has to be knowledgeable but is not necessary with quadriplegics. The person should be open-minded caring and responsible if this is you give me a call.

**Kathleen Boziwick on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 14:50:06**

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Consumer: Kathleen Boziwick  
Address1: 146 West 95th St.  
Address2: 1B  
Address3: New York, NY 10025

**Phone: 212-222-0500**

Best Time: 9AM to 5PM

Email Authorization: No

Consumer Age: Older than 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Self Pay

Type of Candidates: Domestic / Homemaking

Candidate Experience: Seniors,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Languages

\*\*\*\*\*Description of Languages: Italian\*\*\*\*\*

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Hours: 8 Days: 3

Start Time: 9AM

Pay Per Hour: 13

Comments: Candidate must speak Italian. Two people needing care are located in Bayside and Flushing, respectively. I think they will each do 20 hours/week and one Consumer will use an AM shift and the other a PM shift. So it might be a full time job equivalent.

**PCA Candidates**

*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.*

**Dear Personal Care Assistant Candidate,**

***To begin this email I would like to thank you for your participation in Consumer Directed Services, but after a recent review of the list of PCA Candidates I noted that many of you provided your information to Consumer Directed Services in before July 2012***

***And although I hope that you will choose to continue to receive the newsletter, for you to remain an active member of the email list, I will need you to use the following link, to complete a new [Personal Assistant Enrollment Form](#), and to submit your updated information to Consumer Directed Services.***

***Once the information is received, your new profile will be added to the next newsletter. Should you choose not to renew your information at this time, your email address will, in the next few weeks, be removed from the list of PCA Candidates***

***Again thank you for your participation.***

**[CONTESSANICOLE1984@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CONTESSANICOLE1984@YAHOO.COM) on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 22:01:41**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: NICOLETTE DICAPRIO  
Address1: 80 OSBORN STREET  
Best Time: ANY  
Gender: Female  
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health  
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No  
Enrolled with a CDPAP: No  
Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,  
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,  
Certificate/License: Personal Care,  
Hours per Week: 40  
Days per Week: 5  
Preferred Start Time: 9 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: 12

**[MAUREENJMC DONALD@AOL.COM](mailto:MAUREENJMC DONALD@AOL.COM) on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 15:14:12**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: MAUREEN MCDONALD  
Address1: 790 Riverside Dr 7L  
Address2: NEW YORK, NY 10032  
Phone: 212-991-8880

Best Time: ANY

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Description of Other Type of Position: PERSONAL ASST

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No

Experience: Seniors,, Quadriplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: LOW SALT, DIABETES DIET,

Description of Languages: ENGLISH

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

Certificate/License: Personal Care,, Driver's License,

Description of Other Certificate/License: CNA EXPORED IN 2000

Hours per Week: 40

Days I Would Like to Work: TUES-SAT

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: FULL TIME

**([fillmoreavebklynny3905@netzero.net](mailto:fillmoreavebklynny3905@netzero.net)) on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 23:09:20**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Philip Bennett

Address1: 3907 Fillmore Ave.

Address2: Bklyn., NY 11234

Phone: 718-339-0404, 917-657-7290

Best Time: Mid-week

Gender: Male

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: 3

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

CDPAP Agency Name(s): Concepts of Independance

Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

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

Certificate/License: Other,

Description of Other Certificate/License: Non-driver's I. D.

Hours per Week: 36

Days per Week: 3

Preferred Start Time: mornings

Days I Would Like to Work: Tues., Wed., Thur.

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.30

Comments: I have over thirty-six years of experience assisting people with many different disabilities. I'm still fairly strong enough for lifting. My biggest qualification is that I'm a good listener. I work best with people who are self-directing and can patiently explain what is needed since everyone is different.

## *Articles Related to the CDPAP*

### Education Key To Successful Managed Care Transition

As the heat of summer continues, so too does the transition to managed long term care for thousands of people receiving both Medicare and Medicaid. Long Island and Westchester have almost completed their switch by now. New York City continues to enroll more and more individuals, with well over half of those who will have to switch to managed long term care having done so. Now, we watch Rockland and Orange counties, where those who will soon need to switch have gotten their first letters.

So what do we know now? Basically, what we thought initially has borne out.

Some plans have proven to be very good for consumers and fiscal intermediaries. Some plans have proven to be problematic for consumers and fiscal intermediaries. Most often, plans are neither universally good or bad. What we see are positives for some consumers and fiscal intermediaries and negatives for others.

In all cases, CDPAANYS is continuing our work advocating with the plans and the Department of Health. We are continuing to offer educational sessions to any plan that desires it. This combination of efforts is ensuring as smooth a transition as possible. It is also serving to eliminate the discrepancies in the program that existed due to different county interpretations of a program that existed without regulations for 25 years.

This last point is what is most important. This is one of the primary reasons CDPAANYS was so supportive of the transition to managed long term care. The previous system was broken and heavily divided, with 57 different CDPA programs running throughout the state. Some were good. Some were bad. Some were illegal (waiting lists!).

Because the plans implemented CDPA after the regulations were in place, there is a standard set of rules they must abide by. Because of CDPAANYS advocacy, these regulations are enforced through the contracts plans sign with the State, the fiscal intermediary and the consumer. This has resulted in a program that looks very similar statewide, regardless of which plan you are in.

While many positive changes are being made, there are still problems to contend with. More education is needed, and will always be needed. It is a two-way street; plans need to learn more about CDPA, and consumers and fiscal intermediaries need to learn more about plans. For, while CDPA is new to plans, managed care is new to most consumers and fiscal intermediaries. For this to work, all entities must recognize they have more to learn and take the initiative to increase their understanding and knowledge of the others.

CDPAANYS is glad we can continue to play a role here. On October 9th and 10th, the organization's 11th Annual Conference, once again at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY, will

focus on how plans, consumers and fiscal intermediaries can benefit from the ongoing transition. We will host a number of sessions aimed at helping consumers, fiscal intermediaries and plans continue to learn more about how CDPA works and how managed care and CDPA can work together. Among other things, the conference will feature Lee Schulz of Independence First in Wisconsin. As many know, Wisconsin has already transitioned to managed care. Lee will facilitate a discussion of what he observed during the transition in his home state, and then answer questions about what New York can learn from his experiences in Wisconsin.

We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Early Bird discount rates are available for two more weeks. Be sure to watch CDPAANYS' web page and social networks for ongoing updates about our conference.

<http://cdpaanys.org/?p=803>

**GENERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM - 07/11/13**

**DIVISION: Office of Health Insurance Programs - GIS 13 MA/014**

**TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors**

**FROM: Mark Kissinger, Director Division of Long Term Care**

**SUBJECT: Level I Personal Care Services and Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services in Managed Long Term Care**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately**

CONTACT PERSON: David Spaulding/Margaret Willard--518/474-6965

The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to advise local departments of social services (LDSS) about changes to policies and protocols pertaining to provision of Level I Personal Care Services and Level I type Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (together referred to as Level I service) within the construct of the managed long term care program(MLTC). Specifically, this guidance pertains to circumstances in which Level I service is the sole community based long term care service provided to a consumer. This GIS expands on and clarifies MLTC Policies 13.15 and 13.16 (attached)

For purposes of determining eligibility to enroll, or remain in MLTC, individuals who only require assistance with housekeeping tasks do not meet the intent of community based long term care services and are thus not eligible to enroll or remain in MLTC. Individuals with a need for assistance with both Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (e.g. housekeeping tasks) and Activities of Daily Living (e.g. bathing, grooming, toileting, etc.) and meet the eligibility standard of requiring more than 120 days of community based long term care services will continue to be appropriate for MLTC.



Any individuals not presently in receipt of Personal Care Services or Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services who are initially assessed by the MLTC plan as needing only Level I services, do not meet the threshold for enrolling into MLTC. Therefore, local districts should resume accepting and processing new applications involving solely Level I services. Individuals should be referred to the LDSS for assessment and if determined to be in need of Level I services, the local district should establish the case on a fee for service basis and provide appropriate notice to the Medicaid recipient. The limitation on authorizing no more than 8 hours per week of Level I services remains in place.

Medicaid eligible individuals already enrolled in MLTC whose assessment determines Level I to be the sole community based long term care service required, must be disenrolled and referred by the plan to the local district. Appropriate notice of disenrollment must be provided by the plan to the individual within five (5) business days from the date it was determined the individual is not eligible for MLTC. Such notice, together with the results of its assessment, must be provided by the plan to the local district or entity designated by the Department. The effective date of disenrollment shall be the first day of the month following the month in which the disenrollment is processed through eMedNY. If the enrollee does not request a (voluntary) disenrollment, such disenrollment will be considered to be involuntary.

Individuals transitioning from MLTC to fee for service Level I services must continue to receive services under the individual's pre-existing service plan for at least 90 days after transitioning to fee for service or until a care assessment has been completed by the LDSS, whichever is later. In addition, the patient/worker(s) relationship should attempt to be preserved for the same 90 day period.

Transitioned individuals retain all fair hearing rights as a result of any proposed reduction, suspension, denial or termination of previously authorized services regardless of whether the MLTC authorization expires following the continuity of care period.

These provisions are effective immediately.

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/publications/docs/gis/13ma014.pdf](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/publications/docs/gis/13ma014.pdf)



**Request:** If you have any experience with **Comprehensive Geriatric Medicine P.C. Doctors on Call** (Brooklyn, New York) and you would like to share your opinion please send me an email with your experience and impression of this service.

## **Local Independent Living Centers**

- Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc. (BILS)  
4419 Third Ave, #2C, Bronx, NY 10457  
TEL [718 515-2800 x 116](tel:7185152800) / TTY [718 515-2803](tel:7185152803) / FAX [718 515-2844](tel:7185152844)
- Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)  
27 Smith St, #200, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
TEL [718 998-3000](tel:7189983000) / TTY [718 998-7406](tel:7189987406) / FAX [718 998-3743](tel:7189983743)
- Center for Independence of the Disabled in NY (CID-NY) (Manhattan)  
841 Broadway, #301, New York, NY 10003  
TEL [212 674-2300](tel:2126742300) V / TTY [212-674-5619](tel:2126745619) / FAX [212-254-5953](tel:2122545953)
- CID-NY/Queens  
137-02A Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354  
Phone: [646-442-1520](tel:6464421520) / Sorenson VP [866-948-1064](tel:8669481064) / TTY [718-886-0427](tel:7188860427) / Fax 718-886-0428
- Harlem Independent Living Center (HILC) (Manhattan)  
289 St. Nicholas Ave, #21 Lower Level, New York, NY 10027  
TEL 212-222-7122 / Sorenson VP 646-755-3092 / Relay 866-326-5876 / FAX 212-222-7199  
[info@hilc.org](mailto: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 (Español) 516-796-6176 / TTY 516-796-0135 / FAX 516-796-0529 [licil@aol.com](mailto:licil@aol.com)
- Self Initiated Living Options, Inc. (SILO) (Suffolk Co)  
2111 Lakeland Ave, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779  
TEL (31-880-7929 / TTY 631-654-8076 / FAX 631-946-6377  
[contact@siloinc.org](mailto: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

## 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](mailto:tithomas@bhcsa.com)

(631) 390-8646

**Bronxwork Inc, Kedon Wilson**

391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455

[kwilson@bronxworks.org](mailto:kwilson@bronxworks.org)

(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

**Center For Family Life Employment, Maria Ferreira**

443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232

[mferreira@cflsp.org](mailto: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](mailto:ebobf413@aol.com)

212-410-7900

**Fifth Avenue Committee, Aaron Shiffman**

621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217

[ashiffman@fifthave.org](mailto:ashiffman@fifthave.org)

718-237-2017

**Goldenhearts Elderly Care Services, Geanette Browder**

244 5th Avenue, suite G256 New York, NY 10001

[contact@GoldenElderlyCare.org](mailto:contact@GoldenElderlyCare.org)

Phone: (866) 531-4620

**Griswold Home Care, Kathleen Boziwick**

CDPAP Staffing Resource for Self-Pay Consumers

146 West 95th Street, Suite 1B New York, NY 10025

[kathleen.boziwick@griswoldhomecare.com](mailto:kathleen.boziwick@griswoldhomecare.com)

Phone: 212-222-0500

**Kingsborough Comm. College, Marisa Joseph**

2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235

[marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu)

718-368-5563

**Konedu Home Care, LLC, Carie Jones Smith**

140 Captain Thomas Blvd West Haven, CT 06516

[helpingfamilies@koneduhomecare.com](mailto: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](mailto:meg@mercycenterbronx.org)

(718) 993-2789

**Reliable Homecare Solutions LLC**

Contact: Reshmi Maharaj, Director

104-28 117 St, 2E, Richmond Hill New York 11419

917 378 5769

[caresolutions09100@gmail.com](mailto:caresolutions09100@gmail.com)

**New York City College of Technology**

NYC Technical College Placement Office

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Evan Hess

76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033

[evanhess@nmic.org](mailto:evanhess@nmic.org)

212-822-8300

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