

July 27, 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, **451 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

Check out Constance Laymon's blog: <http://www.ConstanceLaymon.com> **Why I Laugh When People Think Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program Fiscal Intermediaries Should Become Licensed Home Care Services Agencies** Posted on **July 22, 2012** Constance created this blog to express her opinion while still supporting the CDPAANYS mission and continue her quest to change the world for the better by focusing on infrastructure and system changes. In addition to managing [Consumer Directed Choices, Inc.](#) and participating in a number of other Home Care related committees, Constance is also co-chairing a "Consumer Voices" Steering Committee www.WeAreSelfDirecting.com, allied with CDPAANYS, and Todd Vaarwerk from the Buffalo Independent Living Center to encourage Consumers to develop their own voice and to gather multiple Consumer perspectives.

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](#).

83mnetti@gmail.com on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 12:27:20

Personal Assistant Candidate: matthew netti
Address1: 1713 edison ave
Address2: bronx,ny
Phone: [347-443-5947](tel:347-443-5947)
Gender: Male
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Seniors,, Hemiplegia,, Wheelchairs,
Description of Other: Nursing Home environment experience
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Days I Would Like to Work: available everyday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: no
Target Salary Per Hour: \$9-10
Comments: I have current certification in CPR from AHA

bolieredurand@yahoo.com on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 16:29:25

Personal Assistant Candidate: Quetelie Boliere
Address1: 94-19 133rdst Richmond Hill
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,
Description of Languages: French, Creole
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 30
Days per Week: 6
Preferred Start Time: 7am
Days I Would Like to Work: Sunday- Friday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: Yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 7.25
Comments: I am looking forward into getting this ob because i have experience; and i love helping out people.

jossethhenry@yahoo.com on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 22:30:18

Personal Assistant Candidate: Josseth Henry
Address1: 762 St. Marks Avenue
Address2: Brooklyn, NY 11216
Phone: [347-787-6236](tel:347-787-6236)

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

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

Hours per Week: 84

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: 8pm

Days I Would Like to Work: 7 nights

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$12

Comments: Certified home health aide with over a decade of experience seeks overnight position (no sleep-in). Available all 7 nights

frankmacnear@yahoo.com on Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 02:23:14

Personal Assistant Candidate: FRANKIE VAILS MACNEAR JR

Address1: 1060 EAST MAIN STREET

Address2: APARTMENT 2 A

Address3: SHRUB OAK NY 10588

Phone: 914-302-6921/ 845-216-2673

Best Time: ANY

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Other Type of Position

Description of Other Type of Position: personal care vent care C.N.A.

Experience: Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,, Languages, Other,

Description of Special Diets: DIABETIC LOW SODIUM CARDIO

Description of Languages: SPANISH

Description of Other: HIV AIDS EXPERIENCED CERTIFIED NY CT

Documentation Available: Proof of Identity,, Recommendations

Hours per Week: 50

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: ANY

Days I Would Like to Work: ANYTIME

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: YES 24 HOURS NOT AN ISSUE

Target Salary Per Hour: 15.50

Target Salary Per Day: 185.00

Target Salary Per Week: 550

Comments: I HOLD MY BA AND MY AA DEGREES I AM A CERTIFIED C.N.A. IN NY AND CT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS I AM CPR CERTIFIED I HAVE PREVIOUS ICU CCU NEURO ICU EXPERIENCE I HAVE VENTILATOR CARE EXPERIENCE AS WELL I AM A MALE PROFESSIONAL THIS SHOULD NEVER BE AN ISSUE IN CARING FOR THE BEST CARE FOR YOU LOVED ONE HAVE EXP WITH SPINAL AND BRAIN INJURIES FVMJR

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

Boston Medical Center Brings Back House Calls for Seniors

Sunday, July 22nd, 2012 by Angela Stringfellow

Dr. Daniel Oates, a geriatrician at the Boston Medical Center, is bringing back an age-old practice by making house calls to elderly patients. Oates believes that house calls provide more consistent and personalized care, possibly even reducing the risk of a hospital visit and delaying the necessity to move to a senior living facility. That's because by making house calls, physicians can monitor the care of patients who otherwise may not leave their homes to seek regular medical care, according to an article in [Boston.com](#).

House calls: A money-saver or major expense?

The program has caught the attention of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which is now looking at the Boston Medical Center as well as 15 other providers offering similar programs to determine if the practice is something that could be used to reduce healthcare costs under the Affordable Care Act.

On the contrary, programs like that run by the Boston Medical Center aren't common *because* of the cost. It costs about \$3,000 per year for each patient enrolled in the program, according to David Kornetsky, administrative director of geriatric services at Boston Medical Center, and Medicare only covers approximately half of those costs. In the case of the Boston Medical Center, the facility subsidizes the rest, although other cash-strapped providers may struggle to do the same. Currently, Boston's program has about 575 patients enrolled in the service it has been offering since 1875. Overall, "Home care accounts for about 1 percent of all Medicare billing for 'evaluation and management services,' essentially time spent talking with doctors, versus tests or procedures, [said Gary Swartz](#), associate executive director of the American Academy of Home Care Physicians.

Providers under pressure to provide better care for elderly and chronically ill

Boston.com points out that beginning in the fall, providers will be penalized for having high rates of re-admissions within 30 days for conditions such as heart failure or heart attacks. Because acute care is so expensive, a shift to a model that rewards providers for conducting better preventative care can reduce these unnecessary re-admissions and costly treatments by taking a proactive approach in the case of chronic illness.

National pilot program to test cost effectiveness

There's a national pilot program underway, Independence at Home, designed to evaluate costs and quality of care with home care models like BMC's. This large-scale test will evaluate up to 10,000 patients and is designed to put to rest conflicting study results from past years that didn't consistently demonstrate a cost savings. (Most recent studies have, however, shown a clear savings benefit.) The Boston Medical Center is enrolling about 100 patients who meet the following criteria:

- Have traditional Medicare coverage.
- Have had a recent hospitalization.

- Have a chronic illness.
- Have functional limitations.

The trial is set to last three years, with a minimum average requirement of 200 enrolled patients throughout the study. And if the BMC program saves more than 11 percent, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services will pass some of those savings on to the hospital. The quality measures to be tracked include:

- Patient satisfaction.
- Frequency of emergency room visits.
- Frequency of hospitalizations for preventable conditions.
- How providers feel about their work.

The program will include measures such as social worker visits to monitor home safety (identifying problems such as loose throw rugs or poor lighting), determine whether patients are safe in the care of their family members or other caregivers, and even help sort through medications and help with accurate dosing. Overall, the care provided is more personalized and gives providers greater insight into patient compliance and other concerns that may not be obvious on an office visit. According to Swartz, if the program is successful, Congressional action would be required to expand beyond 10,000 patients, but he hopes that promising results will encourage other providers to revisit house calls.

<http://www.seniorhomes.com/w/boston-medical-center-brings-back-house-calls-for-seniors/http://www.seniorhomes.com/w/boston-medical-center-brings-back-house-calls-for-seniors/>

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
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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
Ms. Patricia Salazar, Services Manager;
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
psalazar@hostos.cuny.edu
(718) 518-4444

Fifth Avenue Committee
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718-237-2017

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
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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
(718) 260-5050

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Evan Hess
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
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Queens Community House
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