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To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, Consumer Directed Services offers the following Newsletter, which will be published weekly, whenever the names of potential Personal Assistants, new PCA Employment Agencies, or CDPAP related articles become available. If you have any questions, comments or recommendations, please contact me at [elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com](mailto:elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com), also should you choose to remove your address from this list, please send an email to the above address.

Reminder: to receive this Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only complete the top portion of the [Consumer - Enrollment Form](#). Should a new or previously enrolled Consumer complete both portions of this form, Consumer Directed Services will automatically share their Employment Opportunity information with the list of PCA Employment Agencies.

Finally, to insure that this Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

### Notes

## **SAVE THE DATE**

***Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State  
9th Annual CDPAANYS Conference***

***A two day event***

***Expanding Consumer Direction in New York State***

***October 18-19, 2011***

***Desmond Hotel and Conference Center***

***660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211***

***Presentations and Registration Information Coming Soon***

**For Information on Sponsorship Opportunities and Exhibit Space**

**Contact Executive Director Bryan O'Malley,**

**518-813-9537**

**Medicaid Director Jason Helgerson**

**and**

**Commission on Quality of Care Commissioner Roger Bearden**

**confirmed**

**as Keynote Speakers**

## PCA Candidates

To add a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidate, please complete and submit the [PCA Candidate Enrollment Form](#). As soon as your information is received it will be added to the next Newsletter. To consider the employment of a PCA Candidate, please contact the Candidate directly.

[sam\\_oca@ymail.com](mailto:sam_oca@ymail.com) on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 14:44:35

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Personal Assistant Candidate: SAMUEL OCASIO

Address1: PO BOX 659 NEW YORK, NY 10029

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Languages

Languages: English and Spanish.

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

Hours: 8 up

Days: M-F

[badgirl1528@aol.com](mailto:badgirl1528@aol.com) on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 10:20:51

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Personal Assistant Candidate: katrice shelton

Address1: 107-59 159th street

Phone: [3474942270](tel:3474942270)

Experience: Personal Care / Home Health,

Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,

Hours: 8

Days: 5

Start Time: 9am

[urbanpoeticchic@hotmail.com](mailto:urbanpoeticchic@hotmail.com) on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 12:53:34

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Rayna Abelshamat Howe

Address1: 1604 Metropolitan avenue

Address2: 9E

Phone: [3476419355](tel:3476419355)

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Other Experience, Special Diets,

Other Experience: HIV

Special Diets: Low Sodium, Pureed, Liquid, Chopped

Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,

Hours: 12

Days: 4

Start Time: 9 am

Comments: I am a certified HHA, PCA and Medical biller and Coder, I have had 40 hours of venipuncture and EKG training as well. I am in my first year of study in psychology.

**([auntymbax@hotmail.com](mailto:auntymbax@hotmail.com)) on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 23:49:52**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: rohey jagne

Address1: 1541 williams bridge rd

Address2: bronx ny 10461

Phone: [347 248 7661](tel:3472487661)

Experience: Personal Care / Home Health,

Other Experience: work with dementia and mental health resident

Special Diets: bathing,cooking, medication administered and

Languages: english

Hours: 40

Days: week

*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

#### **New York Dramatically Expands Mandatory Managed Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries**

August 18, 2011 Author: [Trilby de Jung](#) This year's state health budget made fundamental and far-reaching changes to New York's Medicaid program, with state savings reported at \$2.2 billion in year one and \$3.3 billion in year two. This article provides some general background on the budget's changes to Medicaid, and then focuses on the largest scale change – the expansion in mandatory managed care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

<http://www.empirejustice.org/issue-areas/health/medicaid--related-programs/new-york-dramatically-expands.html>

**Consumer Direction in Medicaid Long Term Care: Autonomy, Commodification of Family Labor, and Community Resilience** [Daniela I. Kraiem](#) American University Washington College of Law, Women and the Law Program [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1910716](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1910716)

**Medicaid Stimulus Money Runs Out:** The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State, Inc. released a statement saying, "It is important that we call the White House and send a message to the President that cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security are unacceptable and that we cannot balance the budget on the backs of elderly New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities." "Allowing people to stay in their homes through programs such as CDPAP will save money. One study found that community based services cost almost \$44,000 less per year than nursing home care. But we all know cuts to Medicaid mean that programs like CDPAP will suffer, and people will be forced into these nursing homes - at a higher cost to Medicaid and society," the association said. <http://www.nyctransportationaccess.com/news/2011/08/medicaid-stimulus-money-runs-out.html>

**The New Web page for Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS)** <http://cdpaanys.org/index.html>

## 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](#).

Fifth Avenue Committee  
Aaron Shiffman  
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217  
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718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp  
Alba Silva  
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033  
[albasilva@nimic.org](mailto:albasilva@nimic.org)  
212-822-8300

Queens Community House  
Ana Lopez-Betancourt  
108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills, NY 11375  
[abetancourt@queenscommunityhouse.org](mailto:abetancourt@queenscommunityhouse.org)  
718-898-7461 x 19

YWCA of NYC  
Anne Alfred  
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004  
[aalfred@ywcanyc.org](mailto:aalfred@ywcanyc.org)  
718-723-6170

Center For Family Life Employment  
Denise Serrato  
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232  
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718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College  
Greg Ventura  
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