

September 14, 2012

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) 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](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 Candidates and the other email Database Resources. As of the above date, **482 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](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) home page.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.

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 in the Newspaper or on the Internet. But to permit this service to grow and to permit more Consumers and Personal Assistants to benefit, I urge you, to do everything you ordinarily do (*see the list of employment agencies and internet services on the last page of this newsletter*), to try www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com and to tell your friends and associates about this FREE service.

Consumers Searching – See Attached Documents

Consumer - Maria D'Agostino - Monday, September 10, 2012

Consumer - Betty Tolliver - Sunday, September 9, 2012

Consumer - Caren Potoker - Thursday, September 6, 2012

PCA Candidates

Consumer Directed Services is not an Agency. Consumer Directed Services is a FREE employment information bridge between Consumers and Personal Assistant Candidates. All employment and payment decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the Consumer.

(vujueta@aol.com) on Friday, September 14, 2012 at 13:45:32

Personal Assistant Candidate: valerie ujueta

Address1: 7332 67th rd

Address2: middle village

Address3: new york

Phone: 3866752309

Best Time: any

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Domestic / Homemaking

Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,

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

Recommendations

Hours per Week: 25 3

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: any

Days I Would Like to Work: any

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 9.00

Comments: havent taken care of aids family member, also 97 year old grandmother and work in Florida school system

(susiethrower@rocketmail.com) on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 03:10:32

Personal Assistant Candidate: Susie Thrower

Address1: 104 West 30th st

Phone: [757-235-2265](tel:757-235-2265)

Best Time: Afternoons

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

Description of Special Diets: diabetics, heart patients(chronic)

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

Hours per Week: 40

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 9/14/12

Days I Would Like to Work: mon-fri

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 16

Summary In applying for this postion I will utilize the knowlege I acquired through my many years as a CNA.

Objectives In this postion I am applying for I hope to futher my experince and target the customers satisfaction.

Education GED March 1983

Employment History February 2009 – August 2010: CNA

Assisted customers with their everyday needs: Going to the bathroom Grooming

Supervised the adminstration of their medication Helped with ADL's

Professional Skills Typing – Advanced

Hobbies & Interests Want to own my own business Love computers Love to write

Like to travel Like to cook

Qualification/Certification April 1993: CNA

(jtblake22@gmail.com) on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 23:28:58

Personal Assistant Candidate: Jamala Blake

Address1: 2853 Briggs Ave

Address2: bronx, NY

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Other Type of Position

Description of Other Type of Position: pca/cna

Experience: Children,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

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

Hours per Week: 30

Days I Would Like to Work: Mon, We, Fri

Target Salary Per Hour: 12.00

Comments: I am a kind, patient, and hard working. I dealt with all types of people, like bipolar or people who was over weight. I don't give up on my patients at all. I treated all of them with respect.

(ms.larkins@gmail.com) on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 20:31:44

Personal Assistant Candidate: Lisa Larkins

Address1: 370 Cypress Ave.

Phone: [3477942716](tel:3477942716)

Best Time: any

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Description of Other Type of Position: Medical Assistant

Experience: Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,

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

Recommendations

Hours per Week: 40+

Days per Week: 6dys

Preferred Start Time: 8am

Days I Would Like to Work: Mon - Sat

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$10- \$12

Comments: I have been working in the health fields for a long time. I am very compassionate about my work and love to help people. I am very reliable, enthusiastic and professional.

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

Attorney General Koster obtains four guilty pleas in Medicaid fraud cases in Texas County

Jefferson City, Mo.— Attorney General Chris Koster said today his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, along with Texas County Prosecuting Attorney Mike Anderson, has obtained four guilty pleas from a Medicaid recipient and her three personal care attendants in Texas County who were involved in a scheme to submit false timesheets to Medicaid.

“I have made prosecuting Medicaid fraud a major priority from my first day as Attorney General,” Koster said. “That’s why we have begun aggressively seeking criminal convictions, prison sentences, and have now returned more than \$200 million to the Medicaid program.”

Carolyn A. Koenig received consumer-directed in-home services through Medicaid and worked with three of her personal care attendants to submit false timesheets for reimbursement from Medicaid. Each of the four has now pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud, a class C felony, and two of the attendants also pleaded guilty to stealing, a class C felony. Specifically:

- Carolyn Koenig pleaded guilty to two counts of Medicaid fraud in Texas County and was sentenced to five years’ probation by Texas County Judge Douglas D. Gaston. She was also ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 and can no longer be a recipient or provider of consumer-directed services under the Missouri Medicaid program. If she violates the terms of her probation, she faces a sentence of four years in the Department of Corrections.
- Alethea Stemick was sentenced Tuesday for her guilty plea last June to one count of Medicaid fraud and one count of Stealing by Deceit. Judge John D. Wiggins sentenced Stemick to four years on each count, to run concurrently, with execution of those sentences to be suspended pending successful completion of five years’ supervised probation. She was ordered to pay \$1,008 in restitution and can no longer work as a provider of Medicaid services.
- Casie Koenig pleaded guilty to two counts of Medicaid fraud on July 11. The case was heard in Phelps County on a change of venue from Texas County. She was placed on five years of supervised probation by Texas County Judge Mary Sheffield. She was also ordered to pay \$2,815 in restitution and can no longer work as a provider of Medicaid reimbursable services. If she violates the terms of her probation, the court may, at its discretion, sentence her to up to seven years in the Department of Corrections.
- Melinda Alterauge pleaded guilty to one count of Medicaid fraud and one count of Stealing by Deceit on July 3 in Texas County. She was placed on five years of supervised probation by Texas County Judge Mary Sheffield. She was also ordered to pay \$1,613 in restitution and can no longer work as a provider of Medicaid services. If she violates the terms of her probation, the court may, in its discretion, sentence her to up to seven years in the Department of Corrections.

Koster also thanked Texas County Prosecuting Attorney Michael Anderson, who prosecuted the case with him, for his assistance throughout the four cases.

http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2012/AG_Koster_obtains_guilty_pleas_medicaid_fraud/



House calls reduce rehospitalizations, but not costs, study shows

Publish date: Sep 11, 2012 By: [Brandon Glenn](#)

House calls can reduce rehospitalizations and boost satisfaction for high-risk patients, but they don't do much to reduce costs, according to a study published in the [American Journal of Managed Care](#). Although home-care patients in the study used hospital services at a significantly lower rate than the control group, medical costs for home-care patient didn't show a similar reduction when adjusted for demographics and health conditions.

The absence of cost reduction may be explained by the types of patients who were included in the study. Patients in the study experienced fewer medical needs than expected, which may have decreased potential savings opportunities, researchers said.

Nonetheless, the study showed a "significant" difference in the percentage of patients who used at least one hospital inpatient day in the year following study enrollment: 26% for the home-care group and 37% for the control group.

Further, home-care patients reported, on average, that satisfaction with their care grew 18% after 6 months, whereas that number held steady for the control group.

The study was conducted in 2008, with about 300 patients from southern California split roughly evenly between the home-care and standard-care groups. Patients included in the study were chronically ill and judged to be at a high risk for hospitalization.

Home-care physicians who took part in the study were available to visit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and also made regularly scheduled home visits as medically appropriate, according to the study.

Even though house calls didn't create any cost savings in the study, their ability to cut down on hospital readmissions could make them an attractive tool to health organizations.

That's because the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services later this year will begin penalizing hospitals up to 1% of Medicare reimbursements for high readmission rates.

More than 2,200 hospitals are expected to be penalized under the new program, which was put in place by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), [Kaiser Health News](#) reported last month.

Nearly 2 million Medicare beneficiaries are readmitted within 30 days of release each year, costing Medicare \$17.5 billion in additional hospital bills.

The ACA also included a provision to set up a pilot program called the [Independence at Home \(IAH\) Demonstration](#), which aims to test whether providing primary care services at home improves care for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions.

<http://www.modernmedicine.com/modernmedicine/Practice+Management/House-calls-reduce-rehospitalizations-but-not-cost/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/788232?contextCategoryId=40143>

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
(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
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413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
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212-410-7900

Fifth Avenue Committee
Aaron Shiffman
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217
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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
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(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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Our Planet Management Institute
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