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Consumer Directed Services offers this Newsletter to provide information about the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program and to assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants.

To receive a Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to [elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com](mailto:elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com) and include the text **Newsletter Request**. If you are looking for a Personal Assistant Candidate and you would like to send a summary of your search criteria to the list of PCA Candidates and Employment Resources, please complete the form at the following link: [Consumer / Advocate - Newsletter Enrollment Consumer - Search for a PCA Candidate](#).

As of the above date, **I have enrolled 223 Personal Assistant Candidates** in the Consumer Directed Services database. Personal Assistant Candidates, who wish to be included in the newsletter and database, can submit their information by completing the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#).

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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you choose to remove your address from this list, please contact me at the above email address.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

## Notes

### **States Focus on Cost Containment as a Loss of Federal Stimulus Funds Means State Costs for Medicaid Will Jump in FY 2012**

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/states-focus-on-cost-containment-as-a-loss-of-federal-stimulus-funds-means-state-costs-for-medicaid-will-jump-in-fy-2012-132710018.html>

### **New 50-State Survey Finds Cuts in Provider Payments and Changes in Delivery of Services**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 2011 -- Faced with the end of stimulus money and a continuing weak economy, Medicaid officials in virtually every state are enacting a variety of cost cutting measures as states' spending for Medicaid is projected to increase 28.7 percent this fiscal year to make up for the loss of federal funds, according to a new survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

## **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.

[stetgirl1@yahoo.com](mailto:stetgirl1@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 19:34:15

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Mary Kehoe

Address1: Ditmas Avenue, Brooklyn.

Phone: [347 362-3694](tel:3473623694)

Best Time: 10am-9pm

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,, Languages

Description of Special Diets: Low Salt, Low Cholesterol, Diabetic, Low Fat

Description of Languages: English, Proficient in Italian

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

Hours per Week: 60

Days per Week: 3-6

Preferred Start Time: now

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday-Saturday

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

Target Salary Per Day: 85-100

Target Salary Per Week: 500

Comments: I am a certified PCA. I have a lot of experience in home care, both as a live-in and a live-out aide. I have a driver's license and don't mind traveling with my job.

[jonithaalston@gmail.com](mailto:jonithaalston@gmail.com) on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 14:31:33

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Jonitha Alston

Address1: 12 E 213 Street, 3c

Address2: Bronx, NY 10467

Phone: [646-373-7401](tel:6463737401)

Best Time: evenings

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: pureed

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

Hours per Week: 40

Days per Week: 4

Preferred Start Time: 9am

Target Salary Per Hour: 14.00

Target Salary Per Day: 140.00i

Comments: I Have a CNA license and a PCT license I have CNA experience from clinics at the

Jewish Home and Hospital. I took vitals assisted with ADL's used the Hoyer lift made beds and changed linens. Practiced incretion control methods

**[shamekabutts20@yahoo.com](mailto:shamekabutts20@yahoo.com)** on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 09:45:30

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Shameka S Butts

Address1: 1226 Sterling Place

Address2: Brooklyn NY 11213

Phone: [3475815520](tel:3475815520)

Best Time: mornings

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

Description of Special Diets: low sodium

Description of Languages: English

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

Hours per Week: 60

Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: anytime

Days I Would Like to Work: open

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10

Comments: I have seven years experience as a certified HHA I worked with many clients with all types of disability I am reliable kind caring and sensitive to my patients needs I like to build friendships with my clients and willing to be a great companion thank you an look forward to meeting you

**[patrilla101@hotmail.com](mailto:patrilla101@hotmail.com)** on Friday, October 28, 2011 at 11:46:23

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Cindy Clarke

Address1: 469 E 98 St

Phone: [7185066116](tel:7185066116)

Best Time: [7185066116](tel:7185066116)

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

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

Hours per Week: 60+

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: ASAP

Days I Would Like to Work: any

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

Target Salary Per Day: 150

*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**

### **Need for health aides soon will be mushrooming**

By Melissa Fletcher Stoeltje Updated 11:53 p.m., Saturday, October 29, 2011

Some consumers or their families opt to bypass agencies altogether, finding in-home workers on their own via the Internet or other search methods — a strategy fraught with danger, said industry experts: Without agency safeguards, it's hard to know exactly who you're welcoming into your or your loved one's home.

But the newest nationwide trend involves “consumer directed services” — programs in which individuals hire, train, set the pay for and schedule their own direct-care workers.

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Helpingat-home-2243318.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Helpingat-home-2243318.php)

**Look for a Home Care (CDPAP) Job (Free) (New York City Metro)** Date: 2011-10-24, 8:32AM EDT  
Reply to: see below Visit [www.consumerdirectedservices.com](http://www.consumerdirectedservices.com) - add your information to the FREE weekly email Newsletter Go to the link - (LOOK FOR A PCA JOB (FREE) - NEW YORK CITY METRO) - Complete the Form and Submit. Add your information to the weekly Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and database. Receive the weekly emailed Newsletter and special email notices when Consumers are searching for new Personal Care Assistants (PCA).

The Newsletter is submitted to hundreds of Home Care Consumers and Advocates. Consumers are People with Disabilities or Seniors who independently hire, train and supervise the Home Care Worker (Personal Care Assistant - PCA) of their choice. Although a few Consumers pay for their own home care services, most Consumers pay for their services through Medicaid funded Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Programs. Within the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, the Consumer can hire as many PCA's as they deem necessary to accommodate their lifestyle within the hours authorized by the Local Department of Social Services.

The services required by the Consumer can include basic Housekeeping, Personal Care (bathing, dressing, toileting, assistance with mobility, meal preparation, meal assistance, etc.) and a variety of higher level Consumer trained and supervised nursing level services ventilator support, tracheal suctioning, dressing care, etc.).

NOTE: THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR  
12-HOUR NIGHT AND 24-HOUR SLEEP-IN SCHEDULES  
AND PEOPLE WITH VENTILATOR EXPERIENCE.

<http://newyork.craigslist.org/mnh/hea/2665769443.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  
[ashiffman@fifthave.org](mailto:ashiffman@fifthave.org)  
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  
[dserrato@cflsp.org](mailto:dserrato@cflsp.org)  
718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College  
Greg Ventura  
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451  
[gventura@hostos.cuny.edu](mailto:gventura@hostos.cuny.edu)  
(718) 518-4444

El Barrio's Operation Fight  
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212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson  
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455  
[kwilson@bronxworks.org](mailto:kwilson@bronxworks.org)  
(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service  
Leslie Klein  
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
[lklein@bbcs.org](mailto:lklein@bbcs.org)  
718-310-5600

Our Planet Management Institute  
Lisa Ying  
116 John Street, #200, New York, NY 10038  
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212-269-4000

Kingsborough Community College  
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2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235  
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718-368-5563

Mercy Center  
Mary Ellen Gianino  
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006  
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NYC Technical College Placement Office  
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
[employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu)  
(718) 260-5050

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Tisha Thomas  
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