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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**.

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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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 choose to remove your address from this list, please contact me at the above email address.

*Please remember for this (FREE) service to succeed, Consumers must join in the conversation. If you are looking for a new Personal Assistant, I encourage you to go to the website, select the link [Consumer / Advocate - Newsletter Enrollment Consumer - Search for a PCA Candidate](#), complete and submit the form on that page and permit me to forward your search outline to the Personal Assistant Candidates and the other Employment Resources that are enrolled in the email database. As of the above date, **302** Personal Assistant Candidates have been enrolled in the Consumer Directed Services database.*

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

*Have a Great  
2012.*

## Notes

### NEW YORK STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDER MANUAL POLICY GUIDELINES

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[https://www.emedny.org/.../PDFS/CDPAP\\_Policy\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/.../PDFS/CDPAP_Policy_Manual.pdf)

## 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.

[\(in89@hotmail.com\)](mailto:in89@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 14:37:19

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Nancy Levine

Address1: 283 pipe stave hollow rd

Address2: miller place ny 11764

Phone: [631-834-7840](tel:631-834-7840)

Best Time: days

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

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

Hours per Week: 20+

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 1-9-2012

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday - Friday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 12.75

[armwoodsarah@gmail.com](mailto:armwoodsarah@gmail.com) on Monday, December 26, 2011 at 15:00:46

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Consumer: Sarah Armwood

Address1: 1305 amsterdam ave ny ny

Phone: [646 221 8014](tel:6462218014) or [646 633 9997](tel:6466339997)

Best Time: all day

Email Authorization: No

Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50

Consumer Gender: Female

Fee Structure: No Fee

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,,

Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

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

Hours: 8

Days: 6

Start Time: 9 am

Pay Per Hour: 10

Pay Per Day: 80

Pay Per Week: 400

*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**

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS-5048-N]**

#### **Medicare Program; Independence at Home Demonstration Program**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice creates a new demonstration program for chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries to test a payment incentive and service delivery system that utilizes physician and nurse practitioner directed home-based primary care teams aimed at improving health outcomes and reducing expenditures, beginning December 21, 2011.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective on December 21, 2011.

*Application Deadline:* February 6, 2012 at 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

Section 3024 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (the Affordable Care Act) (Pub. L. 111-148, enacted on March 23, 2010), amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act) by establishing the Independence at Home (IAH) Demonstration. The IAH Demonstration will test a service delivery model that

utilizes physician and nurse practitioner directed primary care teams to provide services to high cost, chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries in their homes. Participating practices will be accountable for providing comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, and accessible care to high need populations at home and coordinate health care across all treatment settings. Participating practices may share in savings under the demonstration if specified quality measures and savings targets are achieved.

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-21/.../2011-32568.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-21/.../2011-32568.pdf)

### **Independence at Home Demonstration Project Announced**

Tuesday, 20 December 2011 00:00

*From the HHS News Release:*

CMS will join with medical practices to test the effectiveness of delivering primary care services in a home setting on improving care for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions. Medical practices led by physicians or nurse practitioners will provide primary care home visits tailored to the needs of beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions and functional limitations.

Created by the Affordable Care Act, the new Independence at Home Demonstration greatly expands the scope of in-home services Medicare beneficiaries can receive. The Independence at Home Demonstration will provide chronically ill patients with a complete range of primary care services. Participation in the Demonstration is voluntary for Medicare beneficiaries.

<http://myedutrax2.com/latest-news/65706-independence-at-home-demonstration-project-announced.html>

### **Congressmen Push CMS to Raise Priority for Independence at Home Program**

*Dec 20, 2011 - 2:13 pm*

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., have sent a [letter](#) to Marilyn Tavenner, acting director of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, asking that the Independence at Home program be given higher priority.

The program is included in health care reform and is designed to deliver home-based care to Medicare patients with chronic conditions. It was supposed to start as a demonstration project for up to 10,000 beneficiaries on Jan. 1, 2012.

“Yet with three weeks remaining in the year, CMS still has not released guidelines for providers that wish to apply for participation,” the Dec. 7 letter said.

The congressmen said the Independence at Home Program could lower costs among the most ill and expensive Medicare patients, and noted that between 5 and 8 percent of Medicare’s sickest beneficiaries account for about 50 percent of all Medicare health costs.

The letter said that similar models for at-home care have lowered health care costs by 24 to 60 percent. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs has operated a program to provide home health care for decades, and reduced hospital stays by 62 percent and nursing home days by 88 percent.

<http://homecaremag.com/news/congressmen-push-cms-raise-priority-independence-home-program>

### **Government Explores Homecare Option**

December 27th, 2011 by Ashley Plauche

We have exciting news about a new demonstration project the government is doing to evaluate the benefits of home-based care! The new Acting Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Marilyn Tavenner, has a medical background where she has seen first-hand the benefits of homecare. She is spearheading a 3-year project, called [Independence at Home](#), where CMS can explore how timely in-home primary care can “prevent such (emergency department) visits and inpatient hospitalizations by bringing clinical expertise and mobile technology into the home when clinical instability is first developing”.

<http://lambertshc.com/blog/index.php/tag/independence-at-home>

## 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  
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212-822-8300

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718-898-7461 x 19

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