



INTERNSHIP Community Service Society, Health Initiatives Department (Unpaid) – Summer 2013

Program Description: Help Implement the ACA in New York!

The Community Service Society's Health Initiatives Department conducts cutting-edge policy research and writing, advocacy, and health coverage consumer assistance. There are several projects based in this Department. Health Care For All New York ("HCFANY") is a statewide coalition of over 160 consumer advocacy organizations dedicated to securing access to affordable, comprehensive, and high quality health care for all. Community Health Advocates ("CHA"), New York's designated consumer assistance program, helps New Yorkers use health insurance and access care. We run a centralized helpline assisting individuals with their health insurance coverage and care. The CSS Navigator Network (CNN) is a statewide network of organizations providing enrollment assistance services for the new health care marketplace, NY State of Health. Our Small Business Assistance Program ("SBAP") also provides legal information and advice to employers and employees on benefits and responsibilities under the Affordable Care Act and NYS law.

Job Description:

This position is a hands-on opportunity to participate in advocacy that will directly affect implementation of the Affordable Care Act in New York State. It is a hybrid position with HCFANY and CHA, and the intern will gain exposure to policy and communications work. Interns will form part of a dynamic team working to ensure access to health care information and innovative reform.

Responsibilities may include:

- Conducting research on New York State health policy
- Preparing strategies and content for various social media platforms
- Interviewing clients, partner agencies and drafting Story Bank content
- Participating in the planning and implementing of public forums and conferences
- Participating in other activities and perform other duties as may be required

Job Requirements:

- Interest in health law, health policy, health care reform, and serving low-income populations
- Bachelor's degree required, in-process or complete Master's in Public Health or Public Policy or Communications preferred
- Strong writing and research skills
- Experience with social media

Submit resume, brief cover letter and two writing samples by April 18th to: Amanda Peden

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