



News Bulletin

March 12, 2021

Vaccine Clinics for Members: Bronx 3.16 | Staten Island 3.20

Two specialized downstate COVID-19 vaccination clinics for eligible Care Design NY members 18-years of age and older residing in one of the five NYC boroughs will be taking place next week. These clinics will be by appointment only. Please contact your Care Design NY Care Manager to schedule.

The two downstate clinic locations are:

BRONX

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm **by appointment only**

WHERE: Care Design NY located at 2500 Halsey Street, Bronx, NY 10461

Note: Care Design NY members must be available for the 2nd vaccine dose clinic on April 13, 2021 from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm by appointment only.

STATEN ISLAND

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm **by appointment only**

WHERE: On Your Mark located at 1547 Arthur Kill Road, Staten Island, NY 10312

Note: Care Design NY members must be available for the 2nd vaccine dose clinic on April 17, 2021 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm by appointment only.

[Click here](#) for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & FAQs



COVID-19 Vaccination Information Hub

Let your Care Design NY Care Manager know if you are interested in future vaccination clinics.

The COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan in New York State (NYS) is constantly evolving. We are here to assist members and their families! Please [click here](#) to visit our FAQ vaccination web page for the latest information.

Thank you to our vaccine partners! Please [click here](#) for more information on COVID-19 vaccinations and for photos from our March 6 Capital Region vaccination clinic in the Capital Region.

Questions? Email: memberfeedback@caredesignny.org

Financial Workshop for Special Needs Caregivers



10 Basic Financial Steps

This online workshop will discuss 10 basic steps to help caregivers get started in preparing for the financial future of their dependent with special needs. As a caregiver of a dependent with special needs the single most important issue on your mind, regardless of the age of the dependent, is what will happen to my dependent after I'm gone. There are some needs that will always be present

and they must be carefully considered and planned for appropriately.

Topics will include critical issues such as applying for government benefits for Social Security and Medicaid, creating a Special Needs Trust, the importance of a Will and considering a Letter of Intent.

Taking these 10 basic steps now can help ensure the type of care and quality of life for a loved one's well-being today and tomorrow.

WHEN: Thursday, March 18, 2021

Select one of the following schedule options:

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

OR

7:00 pm - 8:15 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

About the Presenter

Leizer Gewirtzman, CPA, ChSNC, Insurance Representative, Financial Planning Specialist, Special Care Planner, ChSNC™

He is a father of seven children, one of whom has special needs and therefore understands the unique special needs planning challenges that families face when a family member has special needs. His mission is to ensure each family he works with has access to the tools they need to prepare for their special needs child's future, with the full involvement of their family and the related professionals needed to help create a solid future.

Leizer Gewirtzman has over 10 years of accounting and insurance planning experience with knowledge to help clients achieve their financial goals. His focus is on the fundamentals of preparing for milestone life events, unexpected events and estate planning,

Register for member & family online Meeting: April 15, 2021

You are invited to join us for the next online meeting on **Thursday, April 15 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Please [click here](#) to register. You may also submit a topic and/or question that you would like addressed during the event online registration process. Your feedback is very important to us!

We are recording meetings for your convenience. If you would like to listen to a past meeting, please [click here](#) to access.

ACT TODAY: Email Your NYS Elected Officials

Use Your Voice to Protect Care Management Services

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has proposed a significant 23% funding cut in the FY 2021 – 2022 budget for Care Coordination Organizations/Health Homes (CCO/HHs) which provide care management services to the 110,000 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) in New York State.

This proposed funding reduction follows a 16% cut made earlier this year: a 40% total cut in two budget cycles!

Please act today!

[Click here](#) to visit the Care Management Alliance Advocacy Action Center.

[Click here](#) for a flyer to distribute to friends and family and ask them to take action today.

Note: you must be a New York State resident to use the action center as it will match your Assembly member and Senator based upon your New York residence.

Prospective Members: Eligibility & Enrollment Event



**Get Your Questions Answered:
How to Request I/DD Supports & Services**

We will be hosting an online eligibility and enrollment information session designed to provide prospective members and families with the OPWDD eligibility and enrollment process for a Care Coordination Organization/Health Home in New York State.

Presenters will include the Care Design NY Enrollment and Care Management team. A discussion with a Q&A session will help you to get your questions answered.

Register for one of the following sessions:

Wednesday March 31 @ 6:00 pm: [Click here](#) to register.

OR

Thursday, April 1 @ 11:00 am: [Click here](#) to register.

Questions? [Click here](#) to contact us.