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**CAROL NOOKS RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Carol Nooks, a certified nursing assistant at Hudson Valley Rehab and Extended Care Center in Highland, NY, has received the 2018 Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). The award will be presented on June 26 at the 2018 Employee Recognition Awards program during the association’s annual conference in Rye Brook, NY.

Ms. Nooks started working at Hudson Valley Rehab and Extended Care Center in 1995 as a newly-trained certified nursing assistant, and has been on the same unit ever since. She has cared for the long term care population for many years and more recently, the subacute population. She has been a preceptor for new CNAs in the past and continues to train new staff to the unit.

“Carol is a very kind, caring, exceptional employee who is committed and dedicated to the residents she serves,” said Kathryn Costello, administrator of Hudson Valley Rehab and Extended Care Center. “We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA.”

The Employee Recognition Awards honor individuals for their outstanding contributions to skilled nursing facilities. They are awarded in the categories of Registered Nurse of the Year, Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year and Heart and Hands Award, which is presented to a non-nursing/non-managerial staff member.

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*The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) is a member-driven association of providers of long term care services, caring for individuals of all ages in proprietary, not-for-profit, and government-sponsored skilled nursing, post-acute, rehab, adult care and assisted living communities across the state of New York. NYSHFA/NYSCAL is dedicated to assisting its members in achieving excellence in the provision of efficient and effective quality long term care services through leadership, professional development and active involvement in the shaping of public policy.*