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BELLEAU RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Catherina Belleau, a licensed practical nurse at Bridgewater Center For Rehab and Nursing in Binghamton, NY has received the 2016 Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL). The award was presented on June 28 at the 2016 Employee Recognition Awards program during the association's annual convention in Bolton Landing, NY.

Ms. Belleau has been employed at Bridgewater Center For Rehab and Nursing for 15 years. She began working at the facility as a certified nursing assistant, spent some time as a bookkeeper, then went back to school and became an LPN. She has proven to be a very effective leader on the Dementia Care Unit.

"Catherina has shown herself to be a hard-working, compassionate and dedicated nurse," said Kurt Apthorpe, administrator of Bridgewater Center For Rehab and Nursing. "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.