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BRIDGEWATER CENTER FOR REHAB AND NURSING
RECEIVES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Bridgewater Center For Rehab and Nursing in Binghamton, N.Y. has received the 2016 Innovative Practice Award for its program, “Respiratory Therapy Wellness Program”. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on June 28th at the 2016 Innovative Practice Awards program during the association’s annual convention in Bolton Landing, NY.

Utilizing expertise from various groups and root cause analysis, the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement Team and the respiratory director of this facility took the lead in creating a model for a preventative “Respiratory Therapy Wellness Program” and implemented it throughout the facility. The goal of the program was to reduce the number of rehospitalizations related to pulmonary problems through better initial and ongoing assessment, education across the interdisciplinary team, earlier detection of exacerbations and implementation of proper pulmonary hygiene techniques and treatments.

“Results have demonstrated how the program has positively impacted resident health and quality of life,” said Kurt Aphorpe, Administrator of Bridgewater Center For Rehab and Nursing. “We are proud to be recognized with this prestigious award from NYSHFA/NYSCAL for this successful program.”

The Innovative Practice Awards were initiated to demonstrate the New York State Health Facilities Association’s commitment to showcasing the high quality services its members provide to their residents.

Winners of the Innovative Practice Awards received a plaque and presented their programs during an educational session at NYSHFA/NYSCAL’s annual convention.

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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.