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**THE PINES AT CATSKILL CENTER**  
**RECEIVES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Pines at Catskill Center in Catskill, N.Y. has received the 2015 Innovative Practice Award for its program, “Reducing Antipsychotic Use through Behavioral Care Planning and Activities Programming”. The award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) was presented on June 30 at the 2015 Innovative Practice Awards program during the association’s annual convention in Saratoga Springs, NY.

This facility combined a dedicated dementia unit with a strong nursing rehabilitation program to maximize the quality of life for their cognitively impaired residents. Improvements were realized in the areas of decreased falls, decreased antipsychotic medication use, decreased weight loss, and decreased ADL decline. The program includes rehabilitative services and maximizes the capabilities that still exist in each resident to maintain the highest level of functioning.

“The entire staff takes a person-centered approach to developing a plan of care designed to meet each residents’ needs and goals and has been highly successful,” said Kathleen Roop, Administrator of The Pines at Catskill Center. “We are proud to be recognized with this prestigious award from NYSHFA 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’s annual convention.

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