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Richard Herrick Receives AHCA/NCAL Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award

ALBANY, NY - The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) is pleased to announce that **Richard Herrick**, President and CEO, has received the prestigious **2016 Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award** from the American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). Mr. Herrick was presented with the award at the AHCA/NCAL annual Congressional Briefing event.

AHCA/NCAL gives this award to association members who have worked directly to educate members of Congress about the needs of long term and post-acute care patients and to advance quality care. The award recognizes caregivers who possess the same compassion for – and commitment to – the country's elderly and individuals with disabilities that exemplified the work of former president and CEO of Illinois-based Heritage Enterprises, Joe Warner.

Richard Herrick has over 20 years of health care management and operations experience. He is President of the AHCA Affiliated State Health Care Association Executives (ASHCAE) and serves as the ASHCAE representative on the AHCA Board of Governors and Business Management Committee. He is active on the boards of Berkshire Healthcare Systems, serves as Treasurer of Berkshire Retirement Home and is Past Chairman of the Board of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Herrick for several years," said AHCA/NCAL President and CEO Mark Parkinson. "He is a tireless force within the long term care profession and has given so much to make sure the most vulnerable in our country have a voice in Washington. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this recognition."

Herrick and wife Betsy reside in Lenox, Massachusetts.



Dick Herrick, NYSHFA/NYSCAL President & CEO (right) was presented with the Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award by Mark Parkinson, AHCA/NCAL President & CEO (left).

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ABOUT NYSHFA/NYSCAL

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.

ABOUT AHCA/NCAL

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) represents more than 13,000 non-profit and proprietary skilled nursing centers, assisted living communities, sub-acute centers and homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By delivering solutions for quality care, AHCA/NCAL aims to improve the lives of the millions of frail, elderly and individuals with disabilities who receive long term or post-acute care in our member facilities each day. For more information, please visit www.ahca.org or www.ncal.org.