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## SCHULMAN AND SCHACHNE INSTITUTE FOR NURSING & REHAB RECEIVES INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Schulman and Schachne Institute For Nursing & Rehab in Brooklyn, N.Y. has received the 2016 Innovative Practice Award for its program, "The Schulman and Schachne Enhancement 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.

This facility's "Enrichment Program" was initially developed to address the increase in verbal and physical aggression being demonstrated by residents who were feeling frustrated, helpless and hopeless due to a lack of understanding of their chronic medical conditions and current treatment modalities. A resident/family educational program was piloted with good success. The education offers current information related to several common diagnosis/prognosis and also includes the resident's responsibilities in participating in their care and care planning to shift control and create a more personcentered model.

"The program can be replicated to provide education and resources on a number of common diagnosis such as diabetic care, heart disease and hypertension, asthma and dementia," said Genevieve Sorensen, Administrator of Schulman and Schachne Institute For Nursing & Rehab. "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.