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MARIA SANCHEZ RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Maria Sanchez, Assistant Nurse Manager at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center in Schenectady, NY has received the 2020 Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Maria Sanchez has been a nurse since 2005 and has worked at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center for the past two years. She began as a Medication Administration Nurse and right away became a leader to her peers, including the CNAs and fellow LPNs she works so closely with. Maria is now a dedicated, well respected LPN Assistant Nurse Manager and has taken on several interim leadership positions within the nursing department. Maria has received multiple awards within the facility, both through their Pinnacle Satisfaction Survey from residents and families, as well as staff recognition awards for exemplary teamwork.

“Maria is a valued member of our team and exemplifies every positive aspect of the ideal LPN. She treats every resident with the utmost dignity, respect and compassion,” said Mark Olsen, administrator of Kingsway Arms Nursing Center. “We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA/NYSCAL.”

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; Manager of the Year and Heart and Hands Award. Winners receive an engraved trophy and were honored on September 10th during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference.

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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.