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## **DEANNA MENZEL RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – Deanna Menzel, a licensed practical nurse at NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford has received the 2022 Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA | NYSCAL).

Deanna Menzel has been with the NYS Veterans' Home since 2007. Her knowledge, skills friendly demeanor and patience are key to her success. She routinely orients new nurses and is a role model for them. She willingly picks up overtime and will float to all units to ensure that the residents receive the best care. She is instrumental in ensuring a smooth flow of daily tasks on every unit as she skillfully navigates issues with subordinates, peers and supervisors.

"Deanna is respected and admired by her peers and can always be counted on to be a team player," said Kurt Apthorpe, administrator of NYS Veterans' Home at Oxford. "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.

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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.