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### **Simmons Receives 2015 HPCC CHPLN® Certificant of the Year Award**

***Kimberly Simmons, a licensed practical nurse at Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.***

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Kimberly Simmons, LPN, CHPLN®, a licensed practical nurse at Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, is the recipient of the 2015 HPCC CHPLN® Certificant of the Year Award, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center announced today. Simmons was selected for her contributions to end-of-life care.

Simmons received her certification in 2013 and was the first LPN from her agency to achieve CHPLN® certification. In 2012, after 20 years in long-term care, Simmons was hired by Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care of Maryland for the continuous care team. In this role, she shows exemplary customer service skills, compassion, and clinical knowledge. During times of increased census, Simmons has stepped up to assist with intake visits and home care visits in collaboration with case managers.

Simmons serves as mentor to new continuous care nurses and assists with auditing continuous care charts for quality improvement.

### **About HPCC**

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