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**Taryn Birkmire of Recco Home Care Service Receives
“Edna A. Lauterbach Member of the Year” Award from
New York State Association of Health Care Providers**

West Islip resident is President of the Long Island Chapter of Health Care Providers

(Long Island, NY...November 23, 2009) Taryn Birkmire, President of the Long Island Chapter of the New York State Association of Health Care Providers (HCP), is this year's recipient of the 2009 Member of the Year Award named for Edna A. Lauterbach, a nurse and respected industry leader who believed that skilled nurses are essential to home care.

A resident of West Islip, Ms. Birkmire is Executive Director of Recco Home Care Service, Inc, headquartered in Massapequa. Thirty-five years ago, the agency's founder, Norma Recco, spearheaded the founding of the Association of Health Care Providers in recognition of the need to establish industry standards, educate the public, and form a professional network.

Taryn Birkmire earned her bachelor's degree in office administration and entered the home care agency field where she has specialized for 29 years. She joined Recco Home Care in 1989 and became increasingly active with HCP over the years. In 2006, she was elected president of the Long Island Chapter of HCP.

In her presentation of the award to Taryn Birkmire, Phyllis Wang, President of the NYS Association of HCP remarked: “The Long Island Chapter is the most active and dynamic chapter in the state mix. Her attention to detail and persistent follow up on all matters affecting the Chapter, both issue related and relative to membership, has been remarkable. She is an articulate spokesperson, active on the political scene, and an inspiration in rallying the Chapter members to become more involved advocates in the cause for home care. As one of her many supporters has said, “her boundless energy and strong dedication has made her an example for others to aspire to and has placed the LI Chapter out front in HCP for membership, PAC contributions and member involvement. She is most exceedingly worthy of this award.”