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2016 Decontaminator of the Year Award Announced at the Annual IAHCSMM Conference

Fraser, MI, April 28, 2016 - At the recent International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM) Conference held in San Antonio, TX, Healthmark announced Patricia Pabon as the winner of the IAHCSMM's 2016 *Anne Cofiell Decontaminator of the Year Award*. Pabon is the Certified Registered Central Sterile Technician at St. John's Riverside Hospital and has spent the last 5 years working in the sterile processing field.

Sponsored by Healthmark, The *Anne Cofiell Decontaminator of the Year Award* is given out annually by IAHCSMM. This award recognizes an individual that demonstrates exceptional understanding of the importance of decontamination to achieve proper reprocessing of medical devices. The winner receives \$1,000 toward expenses to attend the annual IAHCSMM Conference and also receives a commemorative plaque.

About Healthmark Industries Co., Inc.

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About the Decontaminator of the Year Award

This award was established in honor of Anne Cofiell, CRCST, FCS. Anne was an active member of IAHCSMM until her retirement in 2006. Anne served as the IAHCSMM representative to AAMI where she chaired numerous working groups. Anne also authored many articles and spoke on CSSD topics at IAHCSMM

conferences and at numerous educational programs around the country. Amongst her many contributions to the industry, Anne's tireless advocacy for the importance of cleaning in the total reprocessing of medical devices contributed to the understanding the industry has today about the value of cleaning and those who perform this vital function.