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Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Keynote Speaker for 2015 Nursing Summit

For the past ten years, **Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC)** of Highland, New York, has developed and presented the *Nursing Summit*, which has sustained a strong following within the Nursing community, in part, due to the timeliness of relevant topics, proficiency of the presenters, and quality of the presentations.

On October 22, 2015, the 2015 Nursing Summit, entitled *“The Role of the Nurse in Shaping the Future of Healthcare: Progressing Toward the Triple Aim”* will be offered at the picturesque Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, where topics associated with the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program as the main mechanism by which New York State will implement changes to the delivery of healthcare will be presented.

A major goal of this Medicaid reform project is in decreasing preventable hospitalizations by 25% over time as well as reducing Medicaid spending through various mechanisms. To achieve healthcare reform of this magnitude, institutions have developed and implemented strategies toward achieving the “Triple Aim.” These strategies are geared toward improving overall health in a defined patient population; improving the patient care experience and outcomes; and decreasing or containing the cost of per capita care.



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This year’s keynote speaker is Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, New York State Assembly, District 100, who will present, *“A Nursing Prerogative: the Aim to Improve Health.”*

Other impactful presentations include, *“The Role of Technology and Social Media in Achieving the Triple Aim,” “Integration of Specialty Services to Improve Patient Outcomes,” “Community Involvement to Enhance Integration of a New Healthcare Environment: The Future of Nursing in Action,”* and *The DSRIP Effect New Roles and Responsibilities for Nurses.”*

The complete flyer, full agenda with presenter panel, and registration form can be downloaded at <http://chahec.org/content/upcoming-events/>.

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