

Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – March 11, 2024
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As the Councilor of the NYS Federation of County Medical Society Executive Directors, I would like to provide an update on the recent activities and ongoing initiatives within our federation. Here are some highlights:

1. Impexium Issues and Financial Management:

As previously discussed, we all have been facing challenges with Impexium, our membership management software. All of the county medical societies have been experiencing difficulties with the system, resulting in the need for alternative financial management strategies. To address this issue, many counties have opted to request advances from MSSNY and tap into other financial resources as needed. This approach has allowed us to mitigate the impact of the Impexium issues on our day-to-day operations while we work towards a resolution with MSSNY.

2. Preparation for the 2024 House of Delegates:

The counties are diligently preparing for the upcoming 2024 House of Delegates. This annual event provides an opportunity for physician representatives from our counties to come together and discuss pressing issues, propose resolutions, and shape the direction of our organization. County medical societies are actively engaging their members to ensure thorough representation and thoughtful input at the House of Delegates. We are confident that this year's event will be a productive and meaningful gathering.

3. Advocacy Day in Albany:

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Advocacy Day, which will be held in Albany on March 12, 2024. This in-person event is a crucial platform for us to advocate for the needs of our members and the broader medical community. County medical societies have been coordinating with their local legislators, arranging meetings, and finalizing talking points to effectively convey our priorities. We are encouraging all members to actively participate and make their voices heard during this important advocacy event.

4. Highlights from County Medical Societies:

In addition to the above, our county medical societies have been actively engaged in various initiatives to strengthen our organization and serve our members. Here are some notable highlights:

- Recruitment and Retention Efforts: County medical societies are implementing targeted strategies to attract new members and retain existing ones. These efforts include outreach events, mentorship programs, and tailored communication campaigns to highlight the benefits of membership.
- Programming Expansion: To meet the evolving needs of our members, county medical societies are expanding their programming offerings. This includes educational webinars, professional development workshops, and networking events to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- Fundraising Initiatives: To support the financial stability of our county medical societies, fundraising initiatives have been launched. These include sponsorship drives, charity events, and grant applications to secure additional resources for our programs and activities.

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These are just a few examples of the commendable work being carried out by our county medical societies. Their dedication and commitment to advancing the goals of our federation are truly inspiring.

Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or require further information. Together, we can continue to navigate the challenges we face and strive for excellence in serving our members and the medical community.