

Fireworks at the Essex County Medical Society

History has recorded our physicians to be at the core of every epic change in the history of America, 2009 without exception. Battling the worst economic depression since 1930, our doctors are on the front line working with congressional, state and county leadership to keep the healthcare system working.

The ECMS Call to Arms:

- The unemployment rate is exploding past ten percent;
And ECMS doctors answer with charity care.
- Hospitals closed;
And ECMS doctors formed new alliances between medical staffs.
- Pandemic Flu threatens the fragile economy;
And ECMS doctors are on the response team of the Office of Emergency Management.
- Managed care is decreasing services and reimbursements;
And ECMS doctors formed a new task force to stop them.

Symbols motivate, symbolic action resonates and that is why ECMS acted:

To survive Medicare;

To survive Medicaid;

To survive managed care;

And to survive the government's proposed public insurance plan.

My fellow members, remember this call to arms, and join our fight. There has never been a greater need for your service.