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## ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

A Publication designed to keep the Member Physicians and their Office Manager and Staff abreast on relevant information for Erie County.

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### Heads Up: Beware of Scam Calls from the "NY DEA" Demanding Information

Shirley Cosgriff, Executive Director of Broome, Delaware Otsego & Tompkins Counties alerted MSSNY that she received at least 3 phone calls asking directly for one of our physicians or one of our CRNA. When I questioned what the call was about I was told it was the NY Licensure division of the Department of Education...They informed me that if I could provide them with the doctor's Social Security #, License number, DEA number and date of birth, they would be able to verify if they had the correct provider that's license was in question.

I asked if I could return their call and they gave me a phone of 804-293-0309. I called this number back, and was told it was "NYS DEA" and I had to provide the providers information in order to talk with a representative. I questioned why they were the NY DEA, when DEA is a federal organization.

They hung up."

From MSSNY VP of Socio-Medical Economics Division Regina McNally: "I Googled the phone number and see that it has been used in SC and Florida. I have notified the NYSED, MSSNY leadership, the counties and our communications division. This needs to be shared with physicians and their staff so these wicked people don't succeed."

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