

CRNAs

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Are the Most **VERSATILE**
and **COST-EFFECTIVE**
ANESTHESIA PROVIDERS



Cost Effectiveness of Anesthesia Models

CRNA ONLY

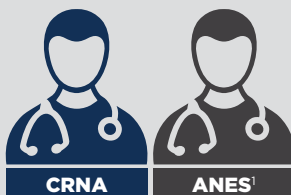


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Staffing Cost²

3.01M

CRNAs Collaborating with Physician Anesthesiologist



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Staffing Cost²

3.45M

Physician Anesthesiologist ONLY



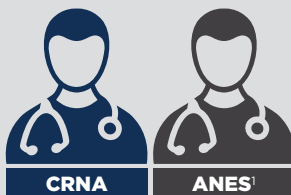
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Staffing Cost²

5.25M

Care Team

(3:1 Ratio)



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Staffing Cost²

4.76M

- CRNAs are qualified to work in any practice setting/model
- CRNAs are not required to practice under a physician anesthesiologist; by law, CRNAs can work independently of OR together with physician anesthesiologists
- CRNAs have a proven safety record
- CRNAs in Anesthesia Care Team Model ensure **NO LOSS IN REVENUE, NO RISK OF FRAUD**, no delays in delivery of care even when there is a supervision lapse (up to 70%³ of the time) as long as QZ billing is utilized
- In such cases, the facility simply bills exclusively for the CRNA (QZ vs. medical direction). The QZ modifier is exclusive to CRNAs

¹ Physician anesthesiologist

² Staffing costs are based on salary only. The median CRNA salary (\$251,000) was taken from the 2024 AANA Compensation and Benefits Survey. The median physician anesthesiologist salary (\$437,250) is based on information reported by HR professionals to Salary.com and accessed on December 2, 2024.

³ Epstein R, Dexter F. (2012). Influence of supervision ratios by anesthesiologist on first case starts and critical portions of anesthetics. *Anesthesiology*, 116(3):683-691.