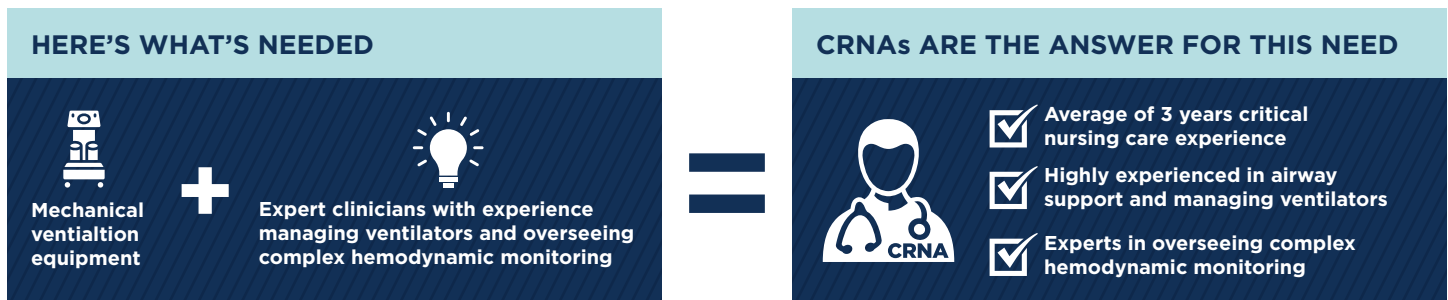


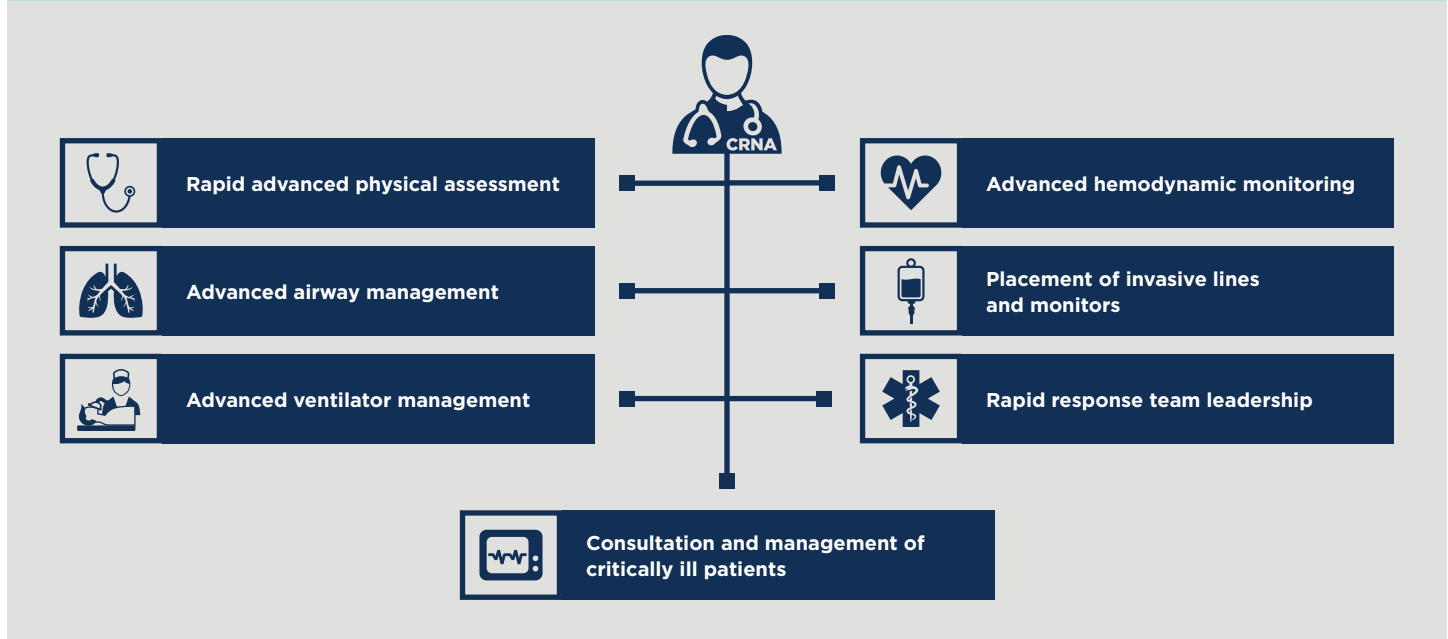
# CRNAs IN THE RURAL SETTING: APRN LEADERS WITH THE EXPERTISE AND SKILLS TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) can help rural facilities prepare for and meet the challenges of COVID-19 with a range of skills that make them invaluable to our Nation's response. As Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), CRNAs can direct, manage, and provide anesthesia-related services for urgent surgeries and procedures in the operating room (OR) and other locations. As this pandemic escalates, optimizing the CRNA extensive knowledge base and skill set can help you prepare and respond effectively.

CRNAs play an important role in providing life-saving critical care management for patients impacted by COVID-19. They also possess a full range of critical care capabilities that can help expand your facility's critical care resources.



## RURAL FACILITIES CAN RELY ON CRNAs FOR THEIR EXPERTISE AND SKILLS IN:



## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently removed the CMS Condition of Participation Part A physician supervision requirement for CRNAs, increasing patient access to their services (see CMS Temporary Supervision Removal FAQ at [COVID-19 FAQs](#)). States around the country are recognizing the multitude of leadership, anesthesia care, and critical care responsibilities that CRNAs can fulfill.

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## RESOURCES ON THE BEST USE OF CRNAs

- [CMS Suspends Supervision Requirements for CRNAs](#)
- [AANA Critical Care Resources](#)
- [CRNAs as Advanced Practice Providers in Critical Care Settings](#)
- [Utilizing CRNAs Unique Skill Set During COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [Medicare Reimbursement for CRNAs Serving as Advanced Practice Providers in Critical Care Settings](#)
- [AANA COVID-19 Resources](#)

We encourage rural facilities to discuss with your CRNAs how they can lead and contribute value-added services and capabilities to the COVID-19 response. **CRNAs can rapidly, safely, and effectively extend your critical care resources.**