

CRNAs

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

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



Cost Effectiveness of Anesthesia Models

**Autonomous/CRNAs
Collaborating with
Surgeons**

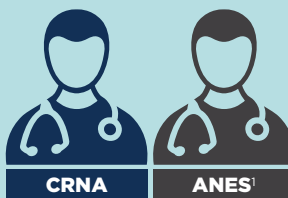


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Staffing Cost²

2.42M

**CRNAs
Collaborating with
Anesthesiologists**



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Staffing Cost²

2.83M

**Physician
Anesthesiologist Only**



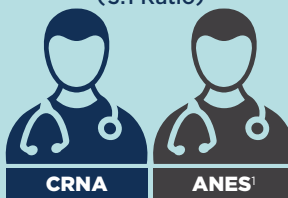
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Staffing Cost²

4.92M

**Anesthesia Care
Team**

(3:1 Ratio)



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Staffing Cost²

4.06M

- 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 exclusive of the anesthesiologist for the procedure (QZ vs. medical direction). The QZ modifier is exclusive to CRNAs

¹ Physician anesthesiologist

² Staffing costs are based on salary only. The equivalent median for the 2022 national salary estimates are from Salary.com for both CRNAs (\$201,352) and MDAs (\$410,300).

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.

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