

REFORMING FLORIDA'S MEDICAID SYSTEM: NURSE ANESTHETISTS; PART OF THE SOLUTION

With the Medicaid budget comprising one-third of the state's \$68 billion budget, the legislature must pass reforms that reduce costs and at the same time ensure access and quality of care for Floridians. By removing unnecessary regulation and allowing health care providers to practice to the full extent of their education and training, lawmakers will achieve broad reform to the Medicaid system and maximize cost savings.

As the legislature moves forward with proposals to reform the Medicaid system, the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (FANA) encourages lawmakers and decision-makers to ensure Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) remain a vital part of the network of providers in the reformed system.

Critical to the discussion of reforming the Medicaid system is improving access to care for patients while bringing down the overall cost to the system. CRNAs offer safe and efficient anesthesia care to patients and are a part of the solution to realize cost savings for the Medicaid system. CRNAs are prepared to have a seat at the table to help make the tough decisions needed to ensure Floridians receive safe, cost effective, and accessible anesthesia care.

FLORIDA'S NURSE ANESTHETISTS:

Part of the solution to Florida's health care challenges



ACCESSIBLE

CRNAs are the primary anesthesia professionals in rural and medically underserved areas, enabling health care facilities to offer obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services. Published, independent studies focusing on patient safety found that CRNAs, through extensive education and training, build a skill set that ensures patient safety and continues to deliver new levels of safe patient care.

AFFORDABLE

Recent, peer-reviewed studies have found that CRNAs provide anesthesia care in an affordable and cost effective manner that can positively impact the overall cost of health care.



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