

## **AANA Meeting with OMB OIRA 5/26/2020**

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), made up of nearly 54,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and student nurse anesthetists who deliver approximately 49 million anesthetics in the United States each year, provide anesthesia, analgesia and pain management services in every setting. CRNAs predominate in rural America, and in some states are the sole anesthesia providers in nearly 100 percent of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, trauma stabilization, and pain management capabilities.

We would like to cover the following item of interest:

- Discuss the unique skillset and role of CRNAs during COVID-19 Pandemic and CMS's temporary suspension of the physician supervision requirement for CRNAs
- In light of Executive Order (#13890) on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors and expanding workforce capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic and thereafter, discuss the following barriers and opportunities:
  - Align Medicare policy with state scope of practice, consistent with the recommendations of the National Academy of Medicine and the intent of the Executive Order, by permanently removing costly and unnecessary facility supervision requirements.