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Advocating for Removal of APRN Barriers to Care

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Removing Barriers The Solution

Supervision does not improve outcomes or access to care

Numerous peer reviewed studies show evidence that removal of supervision increases quality, access, safety and lowers costs.

Help with current workforce shortages and health equity

CMS has regulatory authority to remove supervision

Removing Barriers

Workforce Shortages in Anesthesia

Negrusa et al. Study on Anesthesia Workforce Supply and Demand in Nursing Economic\$

- Workforce model and projections of the supply and demand of anesthesia services.
- Significant anesthesia workforce shortage at the beginning of the study in 2017 and expected to remain until 2027 at a slower rate of decline.
- CRNA independent practice can reduce anesthesia workforce shortages



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Increased Access to Care

Liao et al in Nursing Economic\$

- Examined factors that affect the distribution of anesthesia providers.
- CRNAs are more accessible than anesthesiologists to provide anesthesia in rural areas.

Martolf et al in Medical Care

- Disparities that exist in anesthesia providers across geographic areas.
- CRNAs represented over 80% of anesthesia providers in rural areas.

Removing Barriers The Research on Safety

Negrusa et al in Medical Care

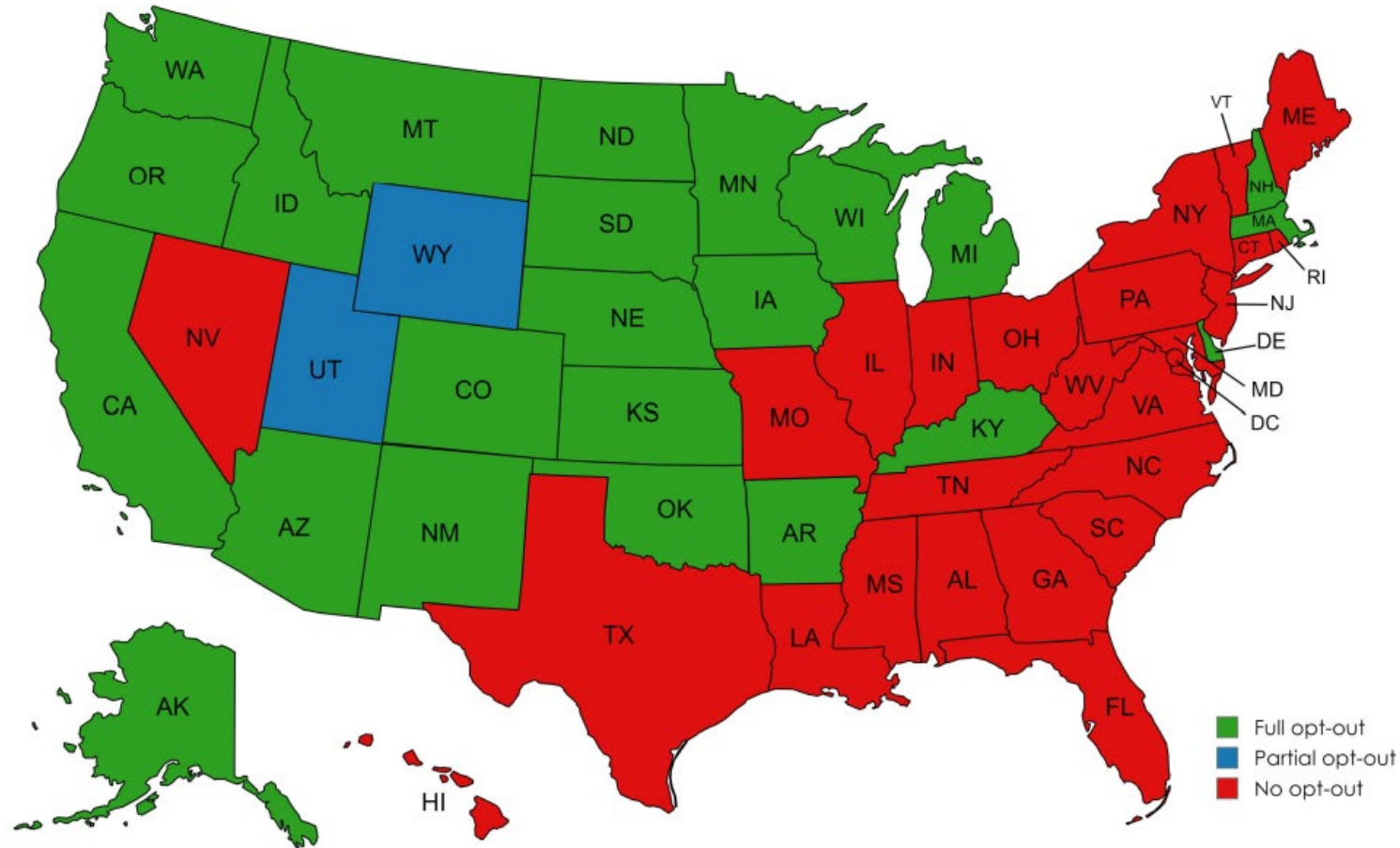
- Examined quality and safety implications related to state scope of practice regulations.
- Investigated potential differences in anesthesia-related complication rates and mortality across care delivery models, including independent CRNAs.
- Found no measurable impact of CRNAs expanded scope of practice on anesthesia complications.

Removal of Barriers

Cost Effectiveness



State Supervision Opt Out Map – June 2024



Advocacy Work to Remove Supervision

- AANA and coalition work to remove barriers
- ICAN Act (HR 2418)
- Opposition to Protect Lifesaving Anesthesia Care for Veterans Act of 2023 (HR 3347 and S. 2070)
- Meetings with agency staff and letters to permanently waive requirements

Thank you!

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CRNA focused. CRNA inspired.