

# **AAs HAVE A STRONG TRACK RECORD OF PATIENT SAFETY**

## **Equivalent Safety Record As Nurse Anesthetists**

- A study of over 50,000 anesthesia cases by the University Hospital Health System in Ohio found no difference in patient outcomes between nurse anesthetists and AAs.

## **Equivalent Insurance Risk As Nurse Anesthetists**

- Medical malpractice insurance carriers rate AAs and nurse anesthetists at the same risk. MAG Mutual has been insuring AAs for over 20 years and has concluded “there is no difference in risk when insuring an AA versus CRNA.”

## **Recognized for Reimbursement by All Federal Health Programs**

- AAs are recognized as approved health care providers for reimbursement purposes by:
  - Medicare;
  - Medicaid;
  - The Department of Veterans Affairs; and
  - TriCare (the military’s health insurance program).

## **A Long-Term Track Record of Safety**

- The AA Masters Degree program at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia has been in existence since 1971 and there are now more AAs than nurse anesthetists providing anesthesia services at hospitals in the greater Atlanta metropolitan region.

## **Support HB 1330: Authorize/Licensure Anesthesiologist Assistants**

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