



# RIGHT POLICY, RIGHT TIME FOR HEALTHCARE CHANGE

**HERE'S THE ISSUE:**  
The business of U.S. healthcare is an ongoing problem



**17.7%**  
OF THE GDP  
COMPRISES  
**HEALTHCARE  
SPENDING**<sup>1</sup>



**130**  
AMERICANS DIE  
EVERY DAY FROM  
AN **OPIOID  
OVERDOSE**<sup>2</sup>



**124**  
RURAL  
**HOSPITALS  
CLOSED**  
SINCE 2010<sup>3</sup>



## CRNAs ARE A SOLUTION



Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) deliver the same **high-quality care** as physician anesthesiologists but at a lower cost<sup>4</sup>.



They apply **innovative approaches to real-world problems**, like multimodal post-surgery pain management services that curb the need for opioids.



They are the **primary providers of anesthesia care** in rural America and in underserved communities<sup>5</sup>.

### WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN

- Remove physician supervision to increase access to high quality care for all patients
- Eliminate regulations that are burdensome to healthcare providers

### THE IMPACT

Providing access to **high-quality, safe** and **affordable care** for all patients.

**IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION**  
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<sup>1</sup> [cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsHistorical](https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsHistorical)

<sup>2</sup> [cdc.gov/injury/features/prescription-drug-overdose/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/injury/features/prescription-drug-overdose/index.html)

<sup>3</sup> [shepscenter.unc.edu/programs-projects/rural-health/rural-hospital-closures/](https://shepscenter.unc.edu/programs-projects/rural-health/rural-hospital-closures/)

<sup>4</sup> [lewin.com/content/dam/Levin/Resources/AANA-CEA-May2016.pdf](https://www.lewin.com/content/dam/Levin/Resources/AANA-CEA-May2016.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Cohen, Catherine, et al. "The Surgical and Anesthesia Workforce and Provision of Surgical Services in Rural Communities: A Mixed-Methods Examination." *The Journal of Rural Health*. Feb, 2020.