

anesthesia care without physician supervision.³ In fact, CRNAs in other federal health systems and the armed services have been granted full practice authority. This is why it is crucial for the VA to promptly develop and issue national standards that empower Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) employed within the VA healthcare system to practice to the full extent of their education and licensure.

In closing, ANA appreciates this opportunity to share the nursing community's perspective on how the VA can utilize the federal supremacy initiative to expand access to care for veterans and their families. We stand ready to work with this subcommittee and the full committee to advance this mission. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Tim Nanof, Vice President of Policy and Government Affairs, at (301) 628-5081 or Tim.Nanof@ana.org.

³ <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/full/10.1377/hlthaff.2008.0966>